

Disciplinary hearing

Peter Murphy, Chief Executive of Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Following a disciplinary hearing held on Friday after a detailed investigation, the senior manager whose hospital laptop computer was stolen has been dismissed from the Trust with immediate effect.

"The unanimous decision of the disciplinary panel sends out a clear statement about how seriously the Trust takes security and patient confidentiality. I again apologise for the distress the theft of this laptop may have caused."

Mr Murphy added that Colchester Hospital University NHS Foundation Trust in completing the recommendations from the investigation report will be engaging an external consultancy to carry out an independent assessment of the Trust's procedures and protocols on data security.

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