

DVDs to follow patient surgery at hospital

Patients about to undergo surgery at Shropshire's world famous orthopaedic hospital will be able to watch from the comfort of their own homes how fellow patients got on throughout their treatment.

DVDs have been made to show patients the process they go through at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital when they go in for surgery as part of the award-winning hospital's enhanced recovery programme.

The enhanced recovery programme is

aimed at using new techniques to get patients back on their feet as quickly as possible.

The move helps patients recover and get back home faster and allows the hospital to carry out more surgeries.

Stages

A series of three DVDs, which will be distributed to patients, have been produced by NHS Digital Services.

One of the DVDs were filmed on May 20 and followed patient David Joynton from Cheshire through his pre-op, operative and post-operative stages of a total knee replacement performed by Mr Tony Smith on the enhanced recovery programme.

Two patient DVDs featuring a selection of patients talking about enhanced recovery total hip replacement and about total knee replacement and a further one aimed at healthcare professionals are now avail-

able on the hospital's intranet. Hospital spokeswoman Katrina Morphet said the new DVDs were launched at a Enhanced Recovery Study Day last week at the hospital.

She said: "The main speakers, clinical lead Dr John John, Professor James Richardson, Mr Tony Smith and Catherine Darley, all received fantastic feedback and have inspired other hospitals to adopt the principles of enhanced recovery.