

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-535

4 October 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

I would like to ask the Trust about using robots in surgery

1. How many surgical robots does the Trust own, and where are they located?

Zero

2. What is the make model of each robot?

Not applicable

3. How many surgical robot procedures did the Trust carry out in FY19/20?

Not applicable

4. How much was spent on consumables for the robot(s) in FY19/20?

Not applicable

5. Do you use low-temperature sterilisation to sterilise reusable robotic instruments?

What type of instruments are these?

Not applicable

6. What other type of surgical instrumentation/devices does the Trust reprocess using low-temperature sterilisation?

Not applicable

7. What type of low-temperature sterilisation equipment is currently installed in the Trust's Sterile Services Department? Please can you provide the manufacturer, model, and the number of machines?

Not applicable

8. Does the Trust outsource its low-temperature reprocessing requirements to another NHS Trust or other 3rd party provider?

Not applicable

9. Is the Trust looking to purchase a surgical robot in the next 12 – 18 months?

The Trust is in the process of looking to raise money with a view to buying 1 robot.

Unsure if this will be achieved in the next 18 months.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
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Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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