

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-644

26 September 2023

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

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information email for the time period of 2019-2022:

1. The total numbers of Emergency general surgery operations performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic

Open: 222,993

Laparoscopic: 2,455

Robotic: 0

2. Type of robot available in your trust and used in emergency general surgery cases (Examples include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand, Soloassist, Microhand S, AESOP, Zeus).

Not applicable.

3. Number of robotic general surgery cases performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023.

0

4. Number the following performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic

1. hot cholecystectomies

2. Laparotomies

3. appendectomies

4. hernia repairs

5. abscess

6. scrotal explorations (which may be under torsions or orchidopexy)

Approach	Cholecystectomy	Laparotomies	Appendectomies	Hernia repairs	Abscess	Scrotal explorations
Robotic	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laparoscopic	1873	9	1741	234	46	121
Open	326	119	543	2200	97	573

5. Mean length of stay of patients who have undergone the following performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic.

1. hot cholecystectomies

2. laparotomies

3. appendectomies

4. hernia repairs

5. abscess

6. scrotal explorations (which may be under torsions or orchidopexy)

Approach	Procedure	Average length of stay
Laparoscopic	Cholecystectomies	0
Open	Cholecystectomies	10
Robotic	Cholecystectomies	0
Laparoscopic	Laparotomies	26
Open	Laparotomies	20
Laparoscopic	Appendectomies	3
Open	Appendectomies	6
Laparoscopic	Hernia repairs	1
Open	Hernia repairs	1
Laparoscopic	Abscess	14
Open	Abscess	10
Laparoscopic	Scrotal explorations	0
Open	Scrotal explorations	0

6. The number and type of complications that occurred in robotic emergency general surgery cases between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Including but not limited to conversions to another type of surgery, device-related complications, injury to surrounding structures or tissue, serums, infection, leakage, hernias.

Not applicable

7. Number of staff trained to assist with robotic cases.

0

8. The average (Over 4 weeks) number of staff trained to assist n robotic surgery available out of hours (weekends/nights).

0

To elaborate emergency general surgery would include robotic assisted operations in

any of: Acute surgical diseases of the abdomen, mesenteric ischaemia, appendectomies, cholecystectomies, hernias, bowel obstruction, adhesiolysis, diverticular disease, diverticulitis, incarceration, perforation, peritonitis, and acute conditions of the gastrointestinal tract.

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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
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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