

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-532

17 July 2024

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

1. Are surgical robots used in your trust?

Yes

2. Are you currently planning to purchase a surgical robot(s) in the next 18 months?

No

**3. Please list the manufacturer and model of all surgical robot(s) used in your trust?
Please include duplicates if multiple surgical robots of same manufacturer/model.**

Intuitive da Vinci Xi Dual Console System x 2

4. What date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?

27th March 2023

5. Are surgical robot simulators used in your trust?

Yes

6. Please list the manufacturer and model of all surgical robot simulator(s) used in your trust? Please include duplicates if multiple surgical robot simulators of same manufacturer/model.

Intuitive SM4000 da Vinci Skills Simulator x 2

7. What date was the surgical robot simulator(s) purchased?

27th March 2023

8. How many procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year from 2019 to present? Please provide a breakdown by speciality.

Specialty	Year	Number of procedures
Colorectal Surgery	2019	0
	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	14 (27 th Sept-31 st Dec 23)
	2024	25 (1 st Jan-23 rd June 24)
Gynaecology	2019	0
	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	22 (2 nd Nov -31 st Dec 23)
	2024	39 (1 st Jan-23 rd June 24)
Otolaryngology (Ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery)	2019	0
	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	16 (29 th Sept-31 st Dec 23)
	2024	14 (1 st Jan-23 rd June 24)
Thoracic Surgery	2019	0
	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	15 (9 th Oct-31 st Dec 23)
	2024	58 (1 st Jan-23 rd June 24)
Upper GI (including Oesophagogastric, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary) Surgery	2019	0
	2020	0
	2021	0
	2022	0
	2023	10 (15 th Nov-31 st Dec 23)
	2024	41 (1 st Jan-23 rd June 24)

9. How many emergency procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year from 2019 to present? Please provide a breakdown by speciality.

None

10. How many consultant surgeons work within your trust, and how many of these perform robotic surgery? Please provide a breakdown by speciality.

Specialty	Number of consultant surgeons performing robotic surgery	Total number of consultant surgeons
Colorectal Surgery	2	10

Gynaecology	2	2
Otolaryngology (Ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgery)	1 (2 from Sept 24)	11
Thoracic Surgery	2	6
Upper GI (including Oesophagogastric, Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary) Surgery	3	14

11. How much did the trust pay to purchase the surgical robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.

£1,649k each excluding. VAT

12. How much has been spent on consumables/disposables for the surgical robot(s) annually from 2019 to present? If multiple manufacturers, please provide a breakdown by manufacturer.

- MIS consumables £219,550.
- Specific Robot Kit as part of first order £261,308 from Intuitive.

13. What is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually from 2019 to present? If multiple manufacturers, please provide a breakdown by manufacturer.

2 x £168k excluding VAT, per year, started March 2024 once the 1-year warranty period had ended

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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