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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 324 - 2019

Thank you for your email dated the 14th November 2019, requesting information relating to surgical robots.

The information that you require is as follows:

1) Are surgical robots used for urology, gynaecology and general surgery in your trust?

If yes:

- 1a) How many surgical robots are in use in your trust?**
- 1b) What is the name of the manufacturer of the surgical robot(s) and the model(s) used in your trust?**
- 1c) What date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?**
- 1d) Are you currently planning to purchase a surgical robot(s) in the next 18 months?**

2) How many procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year between 2013 to present - in the following specialities:

- 1. Urology**
- 2. Bariatric surgery**
- 3. Colorectal Surgery**
- 4. General Surgery (e.g. cholecystectomy, hernia repair)**
- 5. Gynaecology**

3) How many consultant surgeons within your trust perform robotic surgery for each speciality? Please supply breakdown by speciality.

4a) How much did the trust pay to purchase the robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.

4b) How much has been spent on disposables for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?

4c) What is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?

I can confirm that our Trust does not hold any information in this regard. Our Trust is a tertiary specialist cancer treatment centre and does not use a surgical robot or conduct surgery on any of our sites. Therefore, the information you have requested is not applicable to our Trust in this instance.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and 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: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/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.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>