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Response Due: 29th October 2021

Date: 22nd October 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

A Freedom of Information Request

Please find below some questions that I would like to ask the Trust about using robots in surgery.
Thank you in advance for taking the time to look into this for me.

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

Zero.

2. What is the make model of each robot?

N/A.

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

N/A.

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

N/A.

5. Do you use low-temperature sterilisation to sterilise reusable robotic instruments? What type of instruments are these?

N/A.

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

None.

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?

None.

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

No.

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

We are not aware of any plans within Trust to purchase any surgical robots.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Boyle
Chief Finance Officer

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