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Response Due: 26th February 2025

Date: 24th February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 29th January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. How many robotic surgical systems are currently utilised within the trust

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a. Names and number of each system

Stryker MAKO System.

b. Year of implementation of the first robotic system

2022.

If your trust has a robotic system, I would be grateful for the following information:

2. Number of procedures broken down by open, laparoscopic and robotic assisted surgery for the following specialities (if applicable) from the following individual years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

- a. Breast Surgery
- b. Cardiothoracic Surgery
- c. Colorectal Surgery
- d. Gynaecology
- e. Head and neck Surgery
- f. Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery
- g. Paediatric Surgery
- h. Transplant Surgery
- i. Upper GI, Bariatric, Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Oesophago-gastric Surgery

j. Urology
k. Vascular Surgery

Open	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Colorectal Surgery	<5	5	<5	6	8	<5	8	14	10	7
Gastroenterology	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gynaecology	10	6	18	11	6	<5	9	5	5	<5
Orthopaedic Surgery	9	14	6	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
Urology	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	0

Laparoscopic	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Breast Surgery	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cardiology	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colorectal Surgery	71	75	86	100	74	31	75	89	99	86
Gastroenterology	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	0	0
Gynaecology	128	152	184	201	168	128	134	193	213	234
Orthopaedic Surgery	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5
Paediatrics	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5
Urology	<5	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0

Robotic	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Orthopaedic Surgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	42

3. Number of the following procedures broken down by open, laparoscopic and robotic assisted surgery for the following individual years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

- Colectomy (including right hemicolectomy/left hemicolectomy/subtotal/total)
- Anterior resection/Abdominoperineal resection
- Cholecystectomy
- Hernia repair
- Fundoplication = not done at the Trust.
- Gastrectomy = not done at the Trust.

Colectomy	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lap	39	59	57	60	71	50	28	65	73	72	58
Open	<5	<5	6	<5	7	5	<5	10	14	8	6
Robotic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Anterior resection/ Abdominoperineal resection	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lap	11	20	20	32	29	25	10	18	27	33	29
Open	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	5	5	8	<5
Robotic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Cholecystectomy	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lap	350	361	331	437	381	420	148	219	313	291	353
Open	25	18	27	29	33	18	5	10	12	10	5

Robotic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Hernia repair	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lap	49	57	55	53	56	68	12	24	29	40	52
Open	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Robotic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The Trust has a standard procedure of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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