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Date: 25th September 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

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 robotict.

The Trust does not hold this information centrally. General Surgery coding includes Appendectomies and other procedures. Open and Laparoscopic surgeries can be combined so cannot define the difference in numbers. An exact surgery is to be specified instead of 'General'.

2. Type of robot available in your trust and used in emergency general surgery cases

The Trust does not have a robot in surgery.

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

None.

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

1. hot cholecystectomies

The Trust does not hold a code for 'hot' therefore the numbers below are for all cholecystectomies.

Open	1169
Laparoscopic	
Robotic	0

2. laparotomies

The Trust cannot provide the exact data for this as this is just an approach into the abdomen and then looking inside the abdomen. If another procedure goes on to then be performed, this will then go on to be coded dependant on the further surgery.

3. Appendectomies

Open	755
Laparoscopic	/55
Robotic	0

4. hernia repairs

Open	1532
Laparoscopic	1552
Robotic	0

5. abscess

This data cannot be provided as this would depend on the site of the abscess and what operation was done to the abscess.

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

Open	103
Laparoscopic	
Robotic	0

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

not coded as 'hot'

Open	1.5
Laparoscopic	Days
Robotic	0

2. laparotomies

6.

The Trust cannot provide the exact data for this as this is just an approach into the abdomen and then looking inside the abdomen. If another procedure goes on to then be performed, this will then go on to be coded dependant on the further surgery.

3. appendectomies

Open	3.2
Laparoscopic	Days
Robotic	0

4. hernia repairs

Open	1.5
Laparoscopic	Days
Robotic	0

5. abscess

This data cannot be provided as this would depend on the site of the abscess and what operation was done to the abscess.

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

Open	2.5
Laparoscopic	Days
Robotic	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.

The Trust is unable to provide accurate and validated data from Datix.

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

This information is not recorded centrally.

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

This information is not recorded centrally.

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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