

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-693

19 November 2019

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:

Request:

1. Are surgical robots used for urology, gynaecology and general surgery in your trust?
If yes:
 - a. How many surgical robots are in use in your trust?
 - b. What is the name of the manufacturer of the surgical robot(s) and the model(s) used in your trust?
 - c. What date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?
 - d. 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
 - a. Urology
 - b. Bariatric surgery
 - c. Colorectal Surgery
 - d. General Surgery (e.g. cholecystectomy, hernia repair)
 - e. Gynaecology
3. How many consultant surgeons within your trust perform robotic surgery for each speciality?
Please supply breakdown by speciality.
4.
 - a. How much did the trust pay to purchase the robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.
 - b. How much has been spent on disposables for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?
 - c. What is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?

Response:

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust does not use surgical robots.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
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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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