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Email only

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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 11th August 2023 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to Machine Types and Years Listed and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

Please provide information relating to the questions below for the machine types and years listed,

Years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.

Machine types: MRI scanner, PET scanner, CT scanner, linear accelerator (LINAC) and surgical robots (both Versius and Da Vinci).

Please see below for the Robotics answers and the attached spreadsheet for the Scanners.

- 1. For each year and for each machine type, how many units were owned or leased? (Please also provide dates for new machines that were either commissioned or decommissioned within a year).**

Robotics: One Da Vinci XI Surgical System for Robotic Assisted Surgery.

- 2. For each machine that was either owned or leased between 2018 and 2022, please disclose a) the date of purchase, b) the capital value and c) whether the machine was still in use at the end of 2022 and, if not, the date it was decommissioned.**

Robotics:

- a) XI System Purchased 31/01/2023
- b) Capital Value: £1,849,000
- c) Not in use until 2023

- 3. For each year and for each machine type, please provide details on the number of times they were used.**

Robotics: Not in use until 13/07/2023, 13/07/2023 until 14/08/2023 12 cases were completed.

- 4. For each year and for each machine type, please provide details on their availability in hours per day and days per week for use by number of scans/treatments/operations/procedures (apply when relevant).**

The device is available for use 7 days a week between 8am – 6pm, although current practice is that robotic surgery is completed within Monday – Friday due to how new the practice is commenced.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator