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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 3 April 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding Da Vinci surgical robots. Specifically you requested information as follows:

- 1. The number of da Vinci surgical robots in use throughout your trust and the number of each model (e.g. Si, X, Xi, SP)?***
- 2. The number of yearly procedures carried out using da Vinci systems with a breakdown by procedure type for the last 5 years?***
- 3. A breakdown of the cost per procedure using da Vinci systems including instrumentation, servicing, disposable accessories, sterilisation costs, depreciation and other costs incurred?***
- 4. The upfront cost of da Vinci system instruments per surgery or on a per instrument basis?***
- 5. Historical number/rate of occurrence of incidences where cross infection has resulted from improper sterilisation and the number of associated adverse events?***
- 6. The rate of surgical site infections associated with procedures where a da Vinci system has been used?***

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

There are no da Vinci systems in the Trust.

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. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer