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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 14 November 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 surgical robots. Specifically you requested information as follows:

1) Are surgical robots used for urology, gynaecology and general surgery in your Trust?

If yes:

- 1a) how many surgical robots are in use in your Trust?**
- 1b) what is the name of the manufacturer of the surgical robot(s) and the model(s) used in your Trust?**
- 1c) what date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?**
- 1d) 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?

- 1. Urology**
- 2. Bariatric surgery**
- 3. Colorectal Surgery**
- 4. General Surgery (e.g. cholecystectomy, hernia repair)**
- 5. Gynaecology**

3) How many consultant surgeons within your Trust perform robotic surgery for each speciality? Please supply breakdown by speciality.

4a) how much did the Trust pay to purchase the robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.

4b) How much has been spent on disposables for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?

4c) what is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

There are no surgical robots used 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.



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Yours sincerely

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