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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SURGICAL EQUIPMENT

I write in response to your request for information in relation to procuring surgical equipment.

Question:

- Please provide information in relation to the procuring surgical equipment within NHS Lothian

Answer:

1. Relevant personnel	
1.1. Please confirm the department responsible for procuring surgical equipment within your organisation, including:	
1.1.a Their job title or department	MED Physics Main dept
1.1.b Appropriate generic contact details: • Email • Phone number	Jane McDonald - Jane.McDonald@nhs.scot
1.2 Please provide the name of the executive or committee responsible for approving investment in robotic surgery systems.	
RAS Strategic Group	
2. Site system usage	
2.1. Please confirm the sites your organisation covers:	
• Western General Hospital, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and St John's Hospital	
2.2 Of these sites, please confirm which of these currently have robotic surgery systems in place.	
• All	
2.2.1 For each site that currently has robotic surgery systems in place, please confirm the following:	
2.2.1.a The manufacturer of the system	da Vinci X STJ, Xi WGH & RIE Cambridge Medical Robot WGH Stryker MAKO RIE
2.2.1.b The model of the system	As above

2.2.1.c The year the system was purchased, leased or first brought into clinical use	da Vinci X STJ leased- start 2022 end date Sept 2026
2.2.1.d The contract commencement date	As above
2.2.1.e The contract expiry date	As above
2.2.1.f Any extension options	Yes
2.2.1.g Whether the system is owned, leased or provided under a managed service	WGH & RIE robots owned
2.2.1.h The speciality of the system (such as urology, colorectal or thoracic for example)	MAKO -Ortho Da Vinci all specialties except Ortho, CMR- Urology & Colorectal
2.2.1.i Please confirm the procurement route for the system, such as: - NHS Supply Chain - NHS Shared Business Services - Crown Commercial Service - Direct award - Open procurement - Other (please specify)	Da Vinci and CMR also Intuitive via NHSSC Ref 2020/S045107593/V updated Contract 2024/S 000-2024/S 000 0004668 Mako Robots are on loan
2.2.1.j Please provide the most recently reported number of robotic-assisted procedures undertaken during the latest completed financial year, or the closest equivalent information or estimate held.	963
2.2.1.k Where reported data is available, please provide the breakdown of cases by speciality (such as urology, colorectal or thoracic as examples)	Ortho 63, Colorectal 102, Urology 401, Gynae 87, Thoracic 126, ENT 29,
3. Reported plans for future system usage	
3.1. Please confirm if you have any written, reported or documented plans to expand, replace or upgrade your organisation's robotic surgery usage in future? This would include both multi-port and single-port usage.	
Documented in RAS Strategic group meeting agreement to develop business case for expansion	
3.1.1 Where you have recorded plans for robotic surgery expansion, please confirm the following:	
3.1.1.a The specialty you plan to expand	No specific specialty
3.1.1.b Any planned additional system purchases or leases	N/A

3.1.1.c Please confirm whether any business cases relating to robotic surgery expansion have been approved or are currently under development and, where possible, provide copies or executive summaries with any exempt information redacted.	N/A
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I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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