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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – ROBOT-ASSISTED SURGICAL SYSTEMS

I write in response to your request for information in relation to robot-assisted surgical systems.

Question:
1. Surgical robots: How many robot-assisted surgical systems (for example, da Vinci, Versius, Hugo, Mako, ROSA) does the health board currently have in use? For each one, please give the manufacturer and model, the year it came into use, and the hospital site where it is based.

Answer:

Da Vinci XI	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh/Western General Hospital	2021
Da Vinci X	St John's Hospital	2022
Versius	Western General Hospital	2019
Stryker MAKO	Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh	2021

Question:
2. Number of operations: How many robot-assisted surgical procedures did the health board carry out in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2025/26?

Answer:

Year	ALL	General Surgery	Gynaecology	Ortho	THORACIC	ENT	URO	COLO
2022/3	320	0	28	0	0	0	202	80
2023/4	649	26	100	0	113	5<	308	88
2024/5	833	109	82	0	151	0	374	102
2025/6	959	155	87	63	126	6	401	102

To protect the identity of the individuals involved any figure of 5 or less has not been shown in the table above. Since we do not have their consent to release this data from their records, the information is exempt under section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act i.e. to provide it would breach the Data Protection Act (2018).

Question:

3. By specialty: For each of those years, please break the total down by surgical specialty (for example: urology, colorectal or general surgery, gynaecology, ear nose and throat, thoracic, orthopaedics, other).

Answer:

As above.

Question:

4. Costs: What was the purchase or lease cost of each robot, and what is the current annual maintenance or service contract cost?

Answer:

Robot Charges 2026/27			Maintenance contract	Lease contract
Make	**Site**	**Purchased/Leased**	**£ (incl. of VAT)**	**£ (incl. of VAT)**
CMR	WGH	Purchased	144,000	0
DaVinci	WGH	Purchased	192,000	0
DaVinci	RIE	Purchased	192,000	0
DaVinci	SJH	Leased	0	374,400
Total			**528,000**	**374,400**

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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