FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

REF: 2026-113
Subject: Robotic-Assisted Surgery

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email dated **10/02/2026** where you requested information about **Robotic-Assisted Surgery.**

The information you requested is enclosed.

Please provide the following recorded information relating to robotic-assisted surgical platforms currently available within your trust.	
Question	**Answer**
1. For each robotic-assisted surgical platform currently available within your trust, please provide:	
• Manufacturer	Intuitive Surgical
• Model	Da Vinci Dual Head Surgical robot
• Date acquired or first brought into service	May 2025
• Whether the platform is owned, leased, rented, or accessed via another arrangement	Leased
2. For each platform listed above, please specify the surgical specialties that use it.	Colon resection, Rectal resection, Appendectomy
3. For each platform, please provide the recorded source(s) of funding used to acquire or access it (e.g., trust capital, charitable funding, lease payments, donations, managed service agreements, third-party funding arrangements).	Lease payments, based on a cost per procedure, with a maximum charge within the lease term, at which point any additional activity would become non-chargeable.
4. Where charitable or philanthropic funding contributed to the acquisition or access arrangements for any platform, please provide:	
• Name of the charitable organisation(s)	N/A
• Amount contributed by each	N/A
• Date the funding was received or allocated	N/A
5. Please provide the recorded annual cost of:	
• Maintenance or servicing	Included in the contract

• Consumables (if recorded separately)	Commercial in confidence under the terms of the framework agreement contract.
• The funding source(s) used to meet these costs (e.g., trust budgets, charitable sources, managed service contract, warranty)	Trust Budget
6. For each platform, please confirm whether it was acquired via an NHS Supply Chain framework or another procurement route, as recorded.	NHS SBS Framework agreement contract.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Freedom of Information Department. It would be helpful to quote the above reference number in any future communication.

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