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Dear Ms Thorburn,

### **Freedom of Information request**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 01/10/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

- 1. How many surgical robots does the Trust own, and where are they located?**  
The Trust currently own one surgical robot and it is situated in Theatres.
- 2. What is the make model of each robot?**  
The model is the Da Vinci X series system.
- 3. How many surgical robot procedures did the Trust carry out in FY19/20?**  
The Trust carried out 534 robotic procedures in the above timeframe.
- 4. How much was spent on consumables for the robot(s) in FY19/20? –**  
The Trust spent £833,000 excluding VAT on consumables for the robot within the timeframe specified.
- 5. Do you use low-temperature sterilisation to sterilise reusable robotic instruments? What type of instruments are these?**  
The Trust use vapourised hydrogen peroxide gas plasma (H2O2) to sterilize the rigid scopes for the Da Vinci system.
- 6. What other type of surgical instrumentation/devices does the Trust reprocess using low-temperature sterilisation?**  
The Trust use the F1 Power Tools (Stryker), C-MAC and cardiac equipment leads which use low temperature sterilisation.
- 7. What type of low-temperature sterilisation equipment is currently installed in the Trust's Sterile Services Department? Please can you provide the manufacturer, model, and the number of machines?**  
The Trust have a STERRAD 100NX from Advanced Sterilization Products in our decontamination unit (HSDU).

**8. Does the Trust outsource its low-temperature reprocessing requirements to another NHS Trust or other 3<sup>rd</sup> party provider?**

The Trust have a reciprocal arrangement with another local site to provide contingency if our unit (or theirs) is not available to use. This is usually required during the annual test, when the machine is not available for the better part of a week. The Trust do have external customers, but they do not have any product that requires this process.

**9. Is the Trust looking to purchase a surgical robot in the next 12 – 18 months?**

No, the Trust is not looking to purchase a further surgical robot in the next 12 to 18 months.

Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

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Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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