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Dear

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by our Freedom of Information team on 03/04/2019. You have requested the following:

- 1. The number of da Vinci surgical robots in use throughout your trust and the number of each model (e.g. Si, X, Xi, SP)**

The Trust has 1 model which is an X series.

- 2. The number of yearly procedures carried out using da Vinci systems with a breakdown by procedure type for the last 5 years**

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
131	174	224	274	267

- 3. A breakdown of the cost per procedure using da Vinci systems including instrumentation, servicing, disposable accessories, sterilisation costs, depreciation and other costs incurred**

Annual cost of lease and consumables:

- 2014/15 - £185,111 ex VAT
- 2015/16 - £311,284 ex VAT
- 2016/17 - £398,741 ex VAT
- 2017/18 - £460,000 ex VAT
- 2018/19 - £655,488 ex VAT

The Trust are unable to provide any further breakdown of costs as this is commercially sensitive information which if released would negatively affect the competitiveness of the current supplier in any future procurement process (s.43 FOIA exemption).

Also, the current supplier has provided the following response:

‘Anything commercial information discussed between a hospital and Intuitive are sensitive and unique. There are many different aspects to a robotic programme which can be easily misunderstood unless discussed with someone from both the hospital and Intuitive that fully understand the structures in place.’

4. The upfront cost of da Vinci system instruments per surgery or on a per instrument basis

Same response as above.

5. Historical number/rate of occurrence of incidences where cross infection has resulted from improper sterilisation and the number of associated adverse events

Unfortunately, the Trust does not hold keep this information at this level.

6. The rate of surgical site infections associated with procedures where a da Vinci system has been used.

Unfortunately, the Trust does not hold keep this information at this level.

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.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Information Governance Manager on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, If you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information please visit the [ICO's website](#).

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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