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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015900 – Robots in surgery

Please find below some questions that I would like to ask the Trust about using robots in surgery. Thank you in advance for taking the time to look into this for me.

1. How many surgical robots does the Trust own, and where are they located? - None
2. What is the make model of each robot? - N/A
3. How many surgical robot procedures did the Trust carry out in FY19/20? - N/A
4. How much was spent on consumables for the robot(s) in FY19/20? - N/A
5. Do you use low-temperature sterilisation to sterilise reusable robotic instruments? What type of instruments are these? - N/A
6. What other type of surgical instrumentation/devices does the Trust reprocess using 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?
8. Does the Trust outsource its low-temperature reprocessing requirements to another NHS Trust or other 3rd party provider?

Questions 5 to 8 - The Trust can confirm that Facilities Management Services which includes sterile services are provided by the Trust's Private Finance Initiative Partner Summit Healthcare. The Trust's contract with our PFI partner expires after 17th May 2041 and the project term is for 40 years.

9. Is the Trust looking to purchase a surgical robot in the next 12 to 18 months? - This is being looked into but no decision has yet been made.