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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please see response below.

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information email for the time period of 2019-2022:

1. The total numbers of Emergency general surgery operations performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic – - The Trust has purchased a Da Vinci Robot, which became operational in March 2023. This is only being used for elective renal and colorectal surgery. We have no plans to use this for emergency surgery at this stage.

Emergency General Surgery Total - 30958
 Of which Laparoscopic - 1437
 Of which Robotic - 0
 Of Which Open - 29521

2. Type of robot available in your trust and used in emergency general surgery cases (Examples include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand, Soloassist, Microhand S, AESOP, Zeus). - The Trust has purchased a Da Vinci Robot, which became operational in March 2023. This is only being used for elective renal and colorectal surgery. We have no plans to use this for emergency surgery at this stage.

3. Number of robotic general surgery cases performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. – N/A Robot not in place until March 2023

4. Number the following performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic - Robot not in place until March 2023

Hot cholecystectomies

Total	1784
Of which Laparoscopic	1729
Of which Robotic	3
Of which Open	52

Laparotomies

Count of PatientIdentifier	15
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Of which Laparoscopic	0
Of which Robotic	0
Of which Open	15

Appendectomies

Total	1267
Of which Laparoscopic	965
Of which Robotic	0
Of which Open	302

Hernia Repairs

Total	2155
Of which Laparoscopic	447
Of which Robotic	0
Of which Open	1708

Abscess

Count of PatientIdentifier	2055
Sum of Laparoscopic	11
Sum of Robotic	0
Of which Open	2044

Scrotal Explorations

Count of PatientIdentifier	190
Sum of Laparoscopic	0
Sum of Robotic	0
Of which Open	190

5. Mean length of stay of patients who have undergone the following performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic. - - Robot not in place until March 2023

1. hot cholecystectomies
2. laparotomies
3. appendectomies
4. hernia repairs
5. abscess
6. scrotal explorations (which may be under torsions or orchidopexy)

Hot cholecystectomies		Mean (days)
Total	1784	
Of which Laparoscopic	1729	1.4
Of which Robotic	3	0.33
Of which Open	52	7.2

Emergency General Surgery	
Total	30958
Of which Laparoscopic	1437
Of which Robotic	0
Of Which Open	29521

Laparotomies		Mean (days)
Count of PatientIdentifier	15	
Of which Laparoscopic	0	

Of which Robotic	0	
Of which Open	15	13.2

Appendectomies		Mean (days)
Total	1267	
Of which Laparoscopic	965	2.9
Of which Robotic	0	
Of which Open	302	3.9

Hernia Repairs		Mean (days)
Total	2155	
Of which Laparoscopic	447	1.3
Of which Robotic	0	
Of which Open	1708	1.9

Abscess		Mean (days)
Count of PatientIdentifier	2055	
Sum of Laparoscopic	11	5.5
Sum of Robotic	0	
Of which Open	2044	2.9

Scrotal Explorations		Mean (days)
Count of PatientIdentifier	190	
Sum of Laparoscopic	0	
Sum of Robotic	0	
Of which Open	190	2.5

6. The number and type of complications that occurred in robotic emergency general surgery cases between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Including but not limited to conversions to another type of surgery, device-related complications, injury to surrounding structures or tissue, serums, infection, leakage, hernias. – N/A – see response to question 2

7. Number of staff trained to assist with robotic cases. – N/a see response to question 1

8. The average (Over 4 weeks) number of staff trained to assist n robotic surgery available out of hours (weekends/nights). – N/A see response to question one

To elaborate emergency general surgery would include robotic assisted operations in any of: Acute surgical diseases of the abdomen, mesenteric ischaemia, appendectomies, cholecystectomies, hernias, bowel obstruction, adhesiolysis, diverticular disease, diverticulitis, incarceration, perforation, peritonitis, and acute conditions of the gastrointestinal tract.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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