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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information email for the time period of 2023-2025:

Robotic activity will only be from March 2023 and October 2023 when the machines were on site.

1. The total numbers of **Emergency general surgery** operations performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic. For robotic surgeries please can this be further broken down into the type of robot in use for each operation (e.g. include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand).

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Total for General Surgery = 10,738

OPEN = 10,720

Laparoscopic = 16

Robotic = 2

2. **Type and numbers of robot** available in your trust and used in emergency general surgery cases (Examples include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand, Soloassist, Microhand S, AESOP, Zeus).

2 Surgical Robots

DaVinci Xi – Purchased March 2023

MAKO – leased since October 2023

3. The total numbers of **Emergency general surgery** operations performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025 occurring during out of hours (weekends, nights)
- **Out of hours = 688 Weekend = 1123**

4. Number of **robotic general surgery** cases (both emergency and elective) performed between January 1st, 2023-January 1st 2025. - **Total = 93**

5. Number of the following operations performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic (with robotic surgeries further broken down into type of robot used if applicable)

- **Elective or emergency was not specified for this question so only includes**

Emergency as most of the questions are around emergency surgery

- 1. cholecystectomies -
- 2. laparotomies -
- 3. Laparoscopies -
- 4. Appendectomies -
- 5. hernia repairs
- 6. Hartmann's procedures -
- 7. Adhesiolysis
- 8. Small bowel resection

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	Open	Laparoscopic	Robotic (DaVinci)	Robotic (Versius)
Cholecystectomies	83	0	**	**
laparotomies	2	0	**	**
Laparoscopy	39	39	**	**
appendectomies	695	0	**	**
hernia repairs	47	0	**	**
Hartmann's	40	0	**	**
Adhesiolysis	101	0	**	**
Small bowel resection	64	0	**	**

- 1. Mean length of stay of patients who have undergone the following performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic.
 - 1. cholecystectomies
 - 2. laparotomies
 - 3. Laparoscopies
 - 4. appendectomies
 - 5. hernia repairs
 - 6. Hartmann's procedures
 - 7. Adhesiolysis
 - 8. Small bowel resection

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	Open	Laparoscopic	Robotic (DaVinci)	Robotic (Versius)
cholecystectomies	1 Day	0	**	**
laparotomies	1 Day	0	**	**
Laparoscopy	1Day	0	**	**
appendectomies	1 Day	0	**	**
hernia repairs	1 Day	0	**	**
Hartmann's	1 Day	0	**	**
Adhesiolysis	1 Day	0	**	**
Small bowel resection	1 Day	0	**	**

- 1. The number and type of complications that occurred in robotic general surgery cases between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Including but not limited to conversions to another type of surgery, device-related complications, injury to surrounding structures or tissue, serums, infection, leakage, hernias, mortality.

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- 2. Number of staff trained to assist with robotic cases.

Total 15

6 = Trauma and Orthopaedic

6 = General Surgery

2 = Urology

1= Colorectal Surgery Service

3. The average (Over 4 weeks) number of staff trained to assist in robotic surgery available out of hours (weekends/nights).

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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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Yours sincerely

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