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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0371

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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The Trust does not use Da Vinci robots nor does it intend to.

It is now known that there is a substantial increase in the number of trusts within the English NHS that have implemented the Da Vinci robot. This has resulted in substitution effects across technologies within the prostatectomy specialty: firstly, laparoscopic procedures to replace open; secondly, robotic procedures to replace laparoscopic. We aim to address how this substitution has impacted diffusion to other surgical specialties, patient outcomes and labour productivity.

Questions for your trust (in order of importance):

1. Does your trust have a Da Vinci robot? If yes, please provide:
2. The number of Da Vinci robots your trust has.
3. The date each robot was purchased.
4. The purchase costs of the Da Vinci robot(s) and approximate annual running/maintenance costs.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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