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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0442**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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**The Trust does not use surgical robots at present. There are no current plans or resources to procure robots for use in surgery at the Trust in the near future.**

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1) Are surgical robots used for urology, gynaecology and general surgery in your trust?  
If yes:
  - 1a) How many surgical robots are in use in your trust?
  - 1b) What is the name of the manufacturer of the surgical robot(s) and the model(s) used in your trust?
  - 1c) What date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?
  - 1d) Are you currently planning to purchase a surgical robot(s) in the next 18 months?
  
- 2) How many procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year between 2013 to present - in the following specialities:
  1. Urology
  2. Bariatric surgery
  3. Colorectal Surgery
  4. General Surgery (e.g. cholecystectomy, hernia repair)
  5. Gynaecology
  
- 3) How many consultant surgeons within your trust perform robotic surgery for each speciality? Please supply breakdown by speciality.
  
- 4a) How much did the trust pay to purchase the robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.
- 4b) How much has been spent on disposables for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?
- 4c) What is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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