

FOI REF: 21/370

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### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

1. **How many surgical robots does the Trust own, and where are they located?**

One, located in Eastbourne District General Hospital Theatre.

2. **What is the make model of each robot**

Intuitive Surgical / Da Vinci SI.

3. **How many surgical robot procedures did the Trust carry out in FY19/20?**

Please see the table below for the number of surgical robot procedures carried out by the Trust in financial year 2019/20:

Proc Code	Procedure Description	No. of Procs
Y76.5	Robotic assisted minimal access approach to other body cavity	48
Y45.2		-
Y75.3	Robotic minimal access approach to abdominal cavity	184
<b>Total</b>		<b>232</b>

4. **How much was spent on consumables for the robot(s) in FY19/20?**

£427,428.88

5. **Do you use low-temperature sterilisation to sterilise reusable robotic instruments? What type of instruments are these?**

Yes, two items listed below:

Da Vinci Robotic 30° Telescope.  
Da Vinci Robotic 0° Telescope.

**6. What other type of surgical instrumentation/devices does the Trust reprocess using low-temperature sterilisation?**

C-Mac D-Blade video laryngoscope blade.  
C-Mac No.4 video laryngoscope blade.  
Electrophysiology catheter cable.  
Flexible choledochoscope CHFP60.  
Adjustable lens magnifier wolf 5205.05.

**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?**

ASP – Sterrad 100NX – one (purchased two months ago).  
ASP – Sterrad 100S – one (this will be discontinued in the coming weeks).

**8. Does the Trust outsource its low-temperature reprocessing requirements to another NHS Trust or other 3rd party provider?**

We have, in the last year, processed catheter cables for Brighton Hospital (Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals). This is only carried out when their low temperature steriliser is out of action. The items are washed and packed at Brighton and we only process through the Sterrad.

**9. Is the Trust looking to purchase a surgical robot in the next 12 – 18 months?**

No.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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