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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 robotic surgical systems are currently utilised within the trust**

**a. Names and number of each system**

1 x Da Vinci X installed March 2022 in Eastbourne District General Hospital.  
1 x Da Vinci XI installed March 2024 in Conquest Hospital.

**b. Year of implementation of the first robotic system**

The first Da Vinci system was installed in Eastbourne in June 2015 – this has since been decommissioned and replaced with the unit now installed in Eastbourne District General Hospital.

**2. Number of procedures broken down by open, laparoscopic and robotic assisted surgery for the following specialities (if applicable) from the following individual years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.**

- a. **Breast Surgery**
- b. **Cardiothoracic Surgery**
- c. **Colorectal Surgery**
- d. **Gynaecology**
- e. **Head and neck Surgery**
- f. **Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery**
- g. **Paediatric Surgery**
- h. **Transplant Surgery**
- i. **Upper GI, Bariatric, Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Oesophago-gastric Surgery**
- j. **Urology**
- k. **Vascular Surgery**

Please see the attached document – ‘FOI - 25-082 - Robotic Surgical Systems - 2015 to 2024’.

3. **Number of the following procedures broken down by open, laparoscopic and robotic assisted surgery for the following individual years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.**
- a. **Colectomy (including right hemicolectomy / left hemicolectomy / subtotal / total)**
  - b. **Anterior resection/Abdominoperineal resection**
  - c. **Cholecystectomy**
  - d. **Hernia repair**
  - e. **Fundoplication**
  - f. **Gastrectomy**

Please see the attached document – ‘FOI - 25-082 - Robotic Surgical Systems - 2015 to 2024’.

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

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Yours sincerely

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**e. Head and neck Surgery (ENT)**

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1690</b>	<b>1686</b>	<b>1723</b>	<b>1517</b>	<b>1426</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>1429</b>	<b>2089</b>	<b>14675</b>
Open	1690	1686	1723	1517	1426	833	1111	1171	1429	2089	14675
Laparoscopic											0
Robotic Assisted											0

**f. Orthopaedic and Plastic Surgery**

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6702</b>	<b>6624</b>	<b>6367</b>	<b>5995</b>	<b>5943</b>	<b>4078</b>	<b>4578</b>	<b>5211</b>	<b>5351</b>	<b>6108</b>	<b>56957</b>
Open	6701	6624	6367	5995	5942	4078	4578	5211	5351	6108	56955
Laparoscopic	1				1						2
Robotic Assisted											0

**g. Paediatric Surgery**

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>1139</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>1302</b>	<b>1472</b>	<b>1346</b>	<b>11233</b>
Open	869	825	1012	1124	1138	929	1141	1292	1463	1339	11132
Laparoscopic	2	2	13	15	20	10	13	10	9	7	101
Robotic Assisted											0

**h. Transplant Surgery - Not performed at ESHT**

**i. Upper GI, Bariatric, Hepato-pancreato-biliary and Oesophago-gastric Surgery (Specialty Gastroenterology - 301)**

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9052</b>	<b>9915</b>	<b>11034</b>	<b>11123</b>	<b>11617</b>	<b>9290</b>	<b>10815</b>	<b>10434</b>	<b>10875</b>	<b>14482</b>	<b>108637</b>
Open	9052	9915	11033	11121	11615	9289	10813	10431	10874	14480	108623
Laparoscopic			1	2	2	1	2	3	1	2	14
Robotic Assisted											0

**j. Urology**

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3113</b>	<b>3387</b>	<b>3386</b>	<b>3452</b>	<b>3392</b>	<b>2724</b>	<b>2757</b>	<b>2769</b>	<b>3157</b>	<b>3957</b>	<b>32094</b>
Open	2940	3147	3173	3135	3151	2497	2519	2483	2824	3552	29421
Laparoscopic	96	47	33	50	36	39	35	18	8	8	370
Robotic Assisted	77	193	180	267	205	188	203	268	325	397	2303

**k. Vascular Surgery**

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1518</b>
Open											0
Laparoscopic	1										1
Robotic Assisted	81	71	81	152	161	127	175	167	163	339	1517

3. Number of the following procedures broken down by open, laparoscopic and robotic assisted surgery for the following individual years 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

a. **Colectomy (including right hemicolectomy/left hemicolectomy/subtotal/total)**  
 OPCS4 Codes - H05 to H11, H13, H15, H29)

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>2573</b>
Open	209	209	219	187	170	165	170	156	160	158	<b>1645</b>
Laparoscopic	33	27	43	74	77	56	100	120	115	109	<b>645</b>
Robotic Assisted				1	1	1				13	<b>3</b>

b. **Anterior resection/Abdominoperineal resection**  
 OPCS4 Code - H33

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>999</b>
Open	89	101	73	85	67	61	53	52	43	30	654
Laparoscopic	5	8	17	41	41	28	46	49	55	33	323
Robotic Assisted			1							21	22

c. **Cholecystectomy**  
 OPCS 4 Code - J18

Surgery Type	Year Procedure performed										Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
<b>Total</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>3580</b>
Open	29	24	15	14	16	9	6	5	4	11	133
Laparoscopic	365	455	395	358	334	281	262	297	326	347	3420
Robotic Assisted	2	1	3	1	1	3	1			15	27

