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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

1. How many Surgical Robot Systems do you currently own?

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (EDGH) has 2 DaVinci Systems.

**2. What models are each of the Surgical Robot Systems that you currently own?
E.g. Intuitive Da Vinci Xi.**

Intuitive Da Vinci X model and the Intuitive Da Vinci Xi.

**3. What was the average utilisation rate for each of your surgical robots in 2024?
I.e. number of days the robot was utilised vs the number of days the robot could have been utilised.**

Please note that the sessions in Conquest Theatre 02 below may contain procedures performed without a robot, however not including these would affect the total utilisation of that session.

Hospital Name	Average of Actual utilisation rate
Conquest Hospital Theatre 02	91%
EDGH Theatre 05	87%
Grand Total	89%

4. What was the total volume of procedures performed with each of your surgical robots in 2024?

491.

5. What specialities are your surgical robots used for? E.g. Urology.

General Surgery, Urology and Gynaecology.

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6. What was the total volume of procedures performed for each speciality in 2024?

General Surgery	64
Urology	404
Gynaecology	23
Total	491

7. What was the total spend for your trust on robotic consumables in 2024?

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that sharing commercials could disadvantage the supplier against their competitors and may leave the Trust open to a legal challenge.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

8. What was the total maintenance and service contract spend per surgical robot in 2024?

Section 43 applied, please see response to Q7 above.

9. Does the trust generate any additional revenue through proctorships or training of surgeons on robotic surgery? If so, how much revenue was generated in 2024?

Nil, no additional revenue is generated.

10. Does the trust currently have dedicated robotic theatres? If so, how many do you have and roughly when were they established?

Eastbourne District General Hospital does not have a dedicated theatre, but they do use a specific theatre for robotic activity and have been doing so since February 2016.

The Conquest Hospital, Robotic surgery was introduced in May 2024, and they have one robotic dedicated theatre.

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

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I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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