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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:

**Please provide the following recorded information relating to robotic-assisted surgical platforms currently available within your trust.**

**1. For each robotic-assisted surgical platform currently available within your trust, please provide:**

- **Manufacturer**

[Intuitive Surgical.](#)

- **Model**

[1 x Da Vinci X](#)  
[1 x Da Vinci XI](#)

- **Date acquired or first brought into service**

<a href="#">Da Vinci X</a>	<a href="#">12/2021</a>
<a href="#">Da Vinci XI</a>	<a href="#">03/2024</a>

- **Whether the platform is owned, leased, rented, or accessed via another arrangement**

[Both units are owned by East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.](#)

**2. For each platform listed above, please specify the surgical specialties that use it.**

<a href="#">Da Vinci X</a>	<a href="#">Urology Surgery</a>
<a href="#">Da Vinci XI</a>	<a href="#">General Surgery and Gynaecology Surgery</a>

3. For each platform, please provide the recorded source(s) of funding used to acquire or access it (e.g., trust capital, charitable funding, lease payments, donations, managed service agreements, third party funding arrangements).

All units were Trust funded from Capital funds.

4. Where charitable or philanthropic funding contributed to the or access arrangements for any platform, please provide:

- Name of the charitable organisation(s)

Not applicable.

- Amount contributed by each

Not applicable.

- Date the funding was received or allocated

Not applicable.

5. Please provide the recorded annual cost of:

- Maintenance or servicing

£263,000.00 per annum for both units.

- Consumables (if recorded separately)

£1,104,911.00 per annum.

- The funding source(s) used to meet these costs (e.g., trust budgets, charitable sources, managed service contract, warranty)

Costs are met by the surgical service revenue budget.

6. For each platform, please confirm whether it was acquired via an NHS Supply Chain framework or another procurement route, as recorded.

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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](mailto: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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