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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) Robotic System Infrastructure:

- a) **Does the Trust currently utilize one or more robotic-assisted surgical platforms for elective knee joint replacement procedures? If yes, please state:**

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not utilise robotic-assisted surgical platforms for elective knee joint replacement procedures.

- b) **The manufacturer and model name of each system (e.g., Stryker Mako, Zimmer Biomet ROSA, Smith & Nephew CORI, etc.).**

Not applicable.

- c) **The month and year each system was formally installed / went live. (If the month is unavailable, please specify the financial year).**

Not applicable.

2) Annual Procedure Volumes:

- a) **For each robotic system identified in Question 1, please provide the total number of procedures performed for each individual financial year (April 1st – March 31st) since it went live, up to the end of the 2025/26 financial year, broken down by:**

i) **Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA)**

ii) **Unicompartmental Knee Arthroplasty (UKA)**

Not applicable.

3) Procurement and Business Model:

For each system identified, please select the category that best describes the financial structure of the acquisition. (Note: To respect commercial sensitivity, no contract pricing, specific financial values, or proprietary figures are requested).

- a) Direct Capital Purchase (Trust Funded):** The hardware was purchased outright using the Trust's own capital allocation.
- b) Direct Capital Purchase (Charity Funded):** The hardware was purchased outright via a philanthropic donation or local hospital charity.
- c) Capital Splitting / Match-Funding:** The purchase was funded via a combination of Trust capital and charitable donations.
- d) Managed Service Contract / Rental Lease:** The Trust leases the equipment for a fixed annual fee unrelated to case volume.
- e) Volume-Tied Placement / Pay-Per-Case Model:** The robotic hardware was placed at low/no upfront cost, but the procurement is tied to a minimum annual volume commitment or a per-procedure consumable cost.

[Not applicable.](#)

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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