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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_341_24

You asked:

1. Are surgical robots used in your board?

Yes.

2. Are you currently planning to purchase a surgical robot(s) in the next 18 months?

No.

3. Please list the manufacturer and model of all surgical robot(s) used in your board? Please include duplicates if multiple surgical robots of same manufacturer/model.

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4. What date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?

Robot purchased January 2024.

5. Are surgical robot simulators used in your board?

No.

6. Please list the manufacturer and model of all surgical robot simulator(s) used in your board? Please include duplicates if multiple surgical robot simulators of same manufacturer/model.

N/A.

7. What date was the surgical robot simulator(s) purchased?

N/A.

8. How many procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year from 2019 to present? Please provide a breakdown by speciality.

Specialty	Year	Number of procedures
Colorectal Surgery	2019	N/A
	2020	N/A
	2021	N/A
	2022	N/A
	2023	N/A
	2024	7

9. How many emergency procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year from 2019 to present? Please provide a breakdown by speciality.

Zero.

10. How many consultant surgeons work within your board, and how many of these perform robotic surgery? Please provide a breakdown by speciality.

Specialty	Number of consultant surgeons performing robotic surgery	Total number of consultant surgeons
Colorectal Surgery	4	12

11. How much did the board pay to purchase the surgical robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.

The surgical robot was purchased as a collaborative regional approach. As part of the [All-Wales Robotic Assisted Surgery Programme](#) led by Cardiff & Vale University Health Board.

Further to this, we would like to advise you that the information you requested is being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemption which the Health Board has applied to this information is: Section (43)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Health Board considers the information to be of a commercially sensitive nature and that the release of this information would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any parties concerned.

The University Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency however, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board/NHS because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money.

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12. How much has been spent on consumables/disposables for the surgical robot(s) annually from 2019 to present? If multiple manufacturers, please provide a breakdown by manufacturer.

Please see response to question 11.

13. What is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually from 2019 to present? If multiple manufacturers, please provide a breakdown by manufacturer.

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