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We are responding to your request for information received 3rd August 2026. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

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Request:

Question 1: Relevant personnel

1.1. Please confirm the department responsible for procuring surgical equipment within your organisation, including:

1.1.a Their job title or department

1.1.b Appropriate generic contact details:

- Email
- Phone number

1.2 Please provide the name of the executive or committee responsible for approving investment in robotic surgery systems.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is primarily a Mental Health and Community Health Trust and as such does not use surgical equipments or robotic surgery systems. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Question 2: Site system usage

2.1. Please confirm the sites your organisation covers:

2.2 Of these sites, please confirm which of these currently have robotic surgery systems in place.

2.2.1 For each site that currently has robotic surgery systems in place, please confirm the following:

2.2.1.a The manufacturer of the system

2.2.1.b The model of the system

2.2.1.c The year the system was purchased, leased or first brought into clinical use

2.2.1.d The contract commencement date

2.2.1.e The contract expiry date

2.2.1.f Any extension options

2.2.1.g Whether the system is owned, leased or provided under a managed service

2.2.1.h The speciality of the system (such as urology, colorectal or thoracic for example)

2.2.1.i Please confirm the procurement route for the system, such as:

- NHS Supply Chain
- NHS Shared Business Services
- Crown Commercial Service
- Direct award
- Open procurement
- Other (please specify)

2.2.1.j Please provide the most recently reported number of robotic-assisted procedures undertaken during the latest completed financial year, or the closest equivalent information or estimate held.

2.2.1.k Where reported data is available, please provide the breakdown of cases by speciality (such as urology, colorectal or thoracic as examples)



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Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 2 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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Question 3: Reported plans for future system usage

3.1. Please confirm if you have any written, reported or documented plans to expand, replace or upgrade your organisation's robotic surgery usage in future? This would include both multi-port and single-port usage.

3.1.1 Where you have recorded plans for robotic surgery expansion, please confirm the following:

3.1.1.a The specialty you plan to expand

3.1.1.b Any planned additional system purchases or leases

3.1.1.c Please confirm whether any business cases relating to robotic surgery expansion have been approved or are currently under development and, where possible, provide copies or executive summaries with any exempt information redacted.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

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