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Internal Ref: 260207
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Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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
 - Model
 - Date acquired or first brought into service
 - Whether the platform is owned, leased, rented, or accessed via another arrangement
2. For each platform listed above, please specify the surgical specialties that use it.
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).
4. Where charitable or philanthropic funding contributed to the acquisition or access arrangements for any platform, please provide:
 - Name of the charitable organisation(s)
 - Amount contributed by each



- Date the funding was received or allocated
5. Please provide the recorded annual cost of:
- Maintenance or servicing
 - Consumables (if recorded separately)
 - The funding source(s) used to meet these costs (e.g., trust budgets, charitable sources, managed service contract, warranty)
6. For each platform, please confirm whether it was acquired via an NHS Supply Chain framework or another procurement route, as recorded.
- If it would assist in responding, a spreadsheet template can be provided.

Formal Response

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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**
 - **Model**
 - **Date acquired or first brought into service**
 - **Whether the platform is owned, leased, rented, or accessed via another arrangement**

This is not applicable to the trust as we do not have robotic assisted surgical equipment

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

This is not applicable to the trust as Q1 is not applicable

- 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, thirdparty funding arrangements).-party funding arrangements).**

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



- **Name of the charitable organisation(s)**
- **Amount contributed by each**
- **Date the funding was received or allocated**

This is not applicable to the trust as Q1 is not applicable

- 5. Please provide the recorded annual cost of:**
- **Maintenance or servicing**
 - **Consumables (if recorded separately)**
 - **The funding source(s) used to meet these costs (e.g., trust budgets, charitable sources, managed service contract, warranty)**

This is not applicable to the trust as Q1 is not applicable

6. For each platform, please confirm whether it was acquired via an NHS Supply Chain framework or another procurement route, as recorded. If it would assist in responding, a spreadsheet template can be provided.

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Next steps

Please note you will be able to source a lot of information which is made available on our website.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer.

We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust**



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