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Subject:	Robotic surgery systems
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Your request and our response

In line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are requesting the following information from your organisation. For ease, we have created the following form for you to supply this information, however we are happy to receive the information in another format if that would be more suitable for you.

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information within the table below as requested.

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	The UHB's Theatre Department procures surgical equipment locally. However, the Procurement Services in NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) procure items on an All-Wales basis.
1.1.b Appropriate generic contact details: - Email - Phone number	The UHB's Theatre department has a Service Delivery Manager, who can be contacted at the following hospital address and telephone number: Glangwili General Hospital Dolgwili Road Carmarthen SA31 2AF 01267 235151 Additionally, contact details for the Procurement Services in NWSSP are available on their website and can be accessed via the link provided below: Contact Procurement Services - NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership
1.2 Please provide the name of the executive or committee responsible for approving investment in robotic surgery systems.	
The UHB can confirm that decisions relating to investment is ultimately made by the Board.	
2. Site system usage	
2.1. Please confirm the sites your organisation covers:	
The UHB has four (4) acute hospital sites:	

Bronglais General Hospital Glangwili General Hospital Prince Philip Hospital Withybush General hospital	
2.2 Of these sites, please confirm which of these currently have robotic surgery systems in place.	
Not applicable. The UHB does not have robotic surgery systems.	
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	Not applicable.
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)	
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.	
The UHB does not hold the requested information.	
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	Not applicable.	
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.		