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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Your request sought information relating to surgical robots.

**1) Are surgical robots used for urology, gynaecology and general surgery in your Health Board?**

No – however we have access to a surgical robot once a week in University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff (under Cardiff and Vale UHB) as a shared service for Urology.

**If yes:**

**a) How many surgical robots are in use in your Health Board?**

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**b) What is the name of the manufacturer of the surgical robot(s) and the model(s) used in your Health Board?**

Not applicable

**c) What date was the surgical robot(s) purchased?**

Not applicable

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

Not applicable

**2) How many procedures were carried out with use of a surgical robot each year between 2013 to present - in the following specialities:**

**a) Urology** – Our Health Board utilises the surgical robot in University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff for Urology on a weekly basis since October 2015.



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

**2015/16** – 38

**2016/17** – 83

**2017/18** – 131

**2018/19** – 87

**2019 to date** – 58

**b) Bariatric surgery** - Not applicable

**c) Colorectal Surgery** - Not applicable

**d) General Surgery (e.g. cholecystectomy, hernia repair)** - Not applicable

**e) Gynaecology** - Not applicable

**3) How many consultant surgeons within your Health Board perform robotic surgery for each speciality? Please supply breakdown by speciality.**

2 for Urology

**4a) How much did the Health Board pay to purchase the robot(s)? If multiple surgical robots, please specify price of each robot.**

Not applicable

**4b) How much has been spent on disposables for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?**

Not applicable

**4c) What is the total cost of maintenance for the robot(s) annually between 2013 - present?**

Not applicable

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Yours sincerely



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