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Subject: Orthopaedic Theatres: Sickness Related Absenteeism & Robotic Surgical Systems

REQUEST

I am requesting the following information relating to Orthopaedic Surgical Theatres at your Trust. To support consistency and efficient analysis across organisations, please provide all responses in a single machine-readable format (Excel or CSV only).

Section A — Robotic Surgical Systems

A1. Does your Trust use a robotic surgical system for hip and/or knee arthroplasty within Orthopaedic Theatres?

(Yes / No)

A2. If yes, please specify for each system held:

- Robotic system name (manufacturer and model)
- Location where the system is held
- Date of installation or first clinical use
- Procedures performed using the system (primary/revision hip and/or knee, partial knee)

Section B — Workforce Numbers

For the period 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025, please provide information for permanent (non agency, non bank) Orthopaedic Theatre staff, including staff who left during this period.

Please supply the following:

B1. Total headcount of Orthopaedic Theatre staff

B2. Breakdown by staff group (each supplied separately):

- HCHS Doctors (all grades working in orthopaedic theatres)
- Registered Nurses
- Operating Department Practitioners (ODPs)
- Theatre Support Workers / HCAs
- Any other employed clinical theatre staff

For each staff group, please provide:

- B3. FTE number (establishment)
- B4. FTE number in post
- B5. Headcount (including leavers)

Section C — Sickness Related Absence

For the same cohort described in Section B, please provide aggregate, non identifiable workforce sickness absence data, broken down by staff group.

Please report sickness absence recorded within the stated period, regardless of start date.

C1. Total FTE days lost due to sickness, recorded under the following ESR sickness codes:

- S10 – Anxiety, stress, depression or other psychiatric illnesses
- S11 – Back problems
- S12 – Other musculoskeletal problems
- S16 – Headache / migraine

C2. Number of sickness absence periods recorded per staff group, using the same ESR sickness codes listed above.

Section D — Format Requirements

To ensure consistent analysis across Trusts, please provide:

- A single Excel file (.xlsx) or CSV
- With the following tabs / sections clearly labelled:
 - o Robotics (Section A)
 - o Workforce Numbers (Section B)
 - o Sickness — FTE Days Lost (Section C1)
 - o Sickness — Periods (Section C2)

Please avoid PDF or narrative responses unless required under FOI obligations.

Section E — Notes / Clarifications

If any information is not held or cannot be provided within the statutory cost limit, please:

- Clearly state which question(s) this applies to
- Provide any partial data that is held
- Where no data is held for a given field, please record '0' or 'Not held' as appropriate rather than leaving cells blank

RESPONSE

Please see Spreadsheet for responses