

Intuitive opens UK's largest robotic-assisted surgery training centre

Thousands more surgeons to access technology training on da Vinci surgical systems

READING, UK, 17 OCTOBER 2025 - Intuitive, a global technology leader in minimally invasive care and the pioneer of robotic-assisted surgery, has opened its new UK & Ireland headquarters which includes the UK's largest da Vinci robotic-assisted surgery (RAS) training centre.

The new state-of-the-art training facility in Winnersh Triangle, Reading, has capacity to provide technology training for da Vinci surgical systems to thousands more surgeons.

The 21,000 sq. ft site, which triples Intuitive's local footprint, will host the latest Intuitive technology including the da Vinci 5, Xi and SP Surgical Systems, and the Ion endoluminal system.

Intuitive's Global Professional Education & Program Services portfolio is accredited by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, with more than 1,300 surgeons in the UK and Ireland trained to use da Vinci surgical systems and more than 89,000 trained worldwide.

David Marante, Vice President of Intuitive UK & Ireland, said: "For 25 years, we've had the privilege of supporting hospitals to implement da Vinci RAS programmes in the UK and Ireland, working together to help improve patient outcomes, enhance patient and care team experience, drive productivity, and lower the total cost of care.

"Now, with our new expanded regional headquarters and training centre, we're committing to the future - to expand equity of access for patients to quality, minimally invasive care with da Vinci and Ion systems, and to continue meeting the needs of care teams, hospitals and the NHS.

"The UK Government has made clear its commitment for more patients to benefit from robotic-assisted surgery. We're here to help it deliver."

Lord Ara Darzi performed the UK's first da Vinci robotic-assisted surgery procedure in 2000. Now, in the UK and Ireland, more than 300,000 patients have benefitted from da Vinci robotic-assisted surgery and over 200 da Vinci surgical systems are used in hospitals across a range of surgical specialties.

Earlier this year the UK Government, in its 10 Year Health Plan, and NHS England announced ambitions for millions more patients to access robotic-assisted surgery over the next decade. Intuitive's investment in its new headquarters and training centre reflects its commitment to helping more patients to benefit from minimally invasive care.

Health Innovation Minister Zubir Ahmed said: "As an NHS surgeon and someone who performed robotic surgery early in its evolution, I know first-hand the potential of robot surgical systems like these.

"This new training centre will benefit thousands more surgeons and their patients, as we shift healthcare from analogue to digital and build an NHS that is fit for the future.

"Our 10 Year Health Plan will ensure patients get access to the latest innovations, expanding the use of robotic surgery, to deliver better, safer care."

Minister for AI Kanishka Narayan said: "This is great news for doctors and patients alike. Intuitive are putting more cutting-edge tech on the frontlines of healthcare to transform outcomes for people and train the next generation of British surgeons in the process.

"Technology like this isn't just a win for the health sector though, it's a huge vote of confidence in British tech - putting home-grown expertise at the heart of the innovations which are transforming lives for people the world over."

Intuitive welcomed employees and guests to the official site opening, where Dr Zubir Ahmed, Minister for the Department of Health and Social Care, and Kanishka Narayan, Minister for the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology, cut the ribbon to the training centre using the fifth generation da Vinci 5 Surgical System.

Dr Myriam Curet, Intuitive Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, said:

"We're proud to offer comprehensive, ongoing education and training that supports clinicians and care teams in integrating our technology into patient care. As access to minimally invasive care continues to grow, we're deepening our roots in Europe to continue supporting successful da Vinci and Ion programmes now and into the future."

Intuitive has over 120 employees in the UK and Ireland including commercial, clinical affairs, training and enabling functions, and has tripled its training personnel as part of the expansion.

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About Intuitive Surgical, Inc.

Intuitive (NASDAQ: ISRG), headquartered in Sunnyvale, California, with UK and Ireland headquarters in Winnersh Triangle, Reading, is a global leader in minimally invasive care and the pioneer of robotic-assisted surgery. Our technologies include the da Vinci surgical system and the Ion endoluminal system. By uniting advanced systems, progressive learning, and value-enhancing services, we help physicians and their teams optimise care delivery to support the best outcomes possible. At Intuitive, we envision a future of care that is less invasive and profoundly better, where disease is identified early and treated quickly, so that patients can get back to what matters most.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.intuitive.com/en-gb>

What is da Vinci robotic-assisted surgery?

Robotic-assisted surgery is a form of minimally invasive surgery in which surgeons use robotic-assisted surgical systems to perform delicate and complex operations through a few small incisions, using an advanced set of integrated instruments attached to the arms of the surgical system.

By providing surgeons with enhanced visualisation, dexterity, precision and ergonomics, da Vinci robotic-assisted surgical systems help surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures across a range of surgical specialties, including urology, gynaecology, colorectal, thoracic, and abdominal or general surgery.

How are surgeons trained to use da Vinci surgical systems?

Intuitive has developed a comprehensive four-phase training and education journey that combines skills and technology training with opportunities for healthcare professionals around the world to learn from their peers. Through Intuitive's offerings, surgeons, physicians and care teams can learn how to use our technology from experienced trainers and clinical educators at one of our training centres, then advance with a progressive, surgeon-led education focused on clinical application. Surgeons also have access to online training modules, video instruction, and virtual didactic sessions and simulation via our Intuitive Learning platform.

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Intuitive also supports hospitals and surgical societies to provide Trainee and Fellowship Training Programmes for residents and fellows, to expand access to da Vinci technology training.

About da Vinci surgical systems

There are several models of the da Vinci surgical system. The da Vinci surgical systems are designed to help surgeons perform minimally invasive surgery and offer surgeons high-definition 3D vision, a magnified view, and robotic and computer assistance. They use specialised instrumentation, including a miniaturised surgical camera and wristed instruments (i.e., scissors, scalpels, and forceps) that are designed to help with precise dissection and reconstruction deep inside the body.

About the Ion Endoluminal System

The Ion endoluminal system (Ion) is a robotic-assisted bronchoscopy platform. Ion's ultra-thin robotic catheter uses unique shape-sensing technology which enables clinicians to navigate to deep, hard-to-reach areas of the lung. Once there, Ion's unprecedented stability enables the removal of tissue for biopsy with greater precision and accuracy than that which can be achieved with manual bronchoscopes.

Information provided by the Ion endoluminal system or its components should be considered guidance only and not replace clinical decisions made by a trained physician.

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