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Activity Summary	Over the last 12 months the role has focused on keeping robotic and minimally invasive surgery visible within ASGBI's education and strategy. Main work has been liaison with colleagues, supporting practical discussion around safe adoption, training, governance, outcomes and value, and linking surgeons developing robotic practice across general surgery.
Publications / Guidelines	No formal ASGBI robotic/MIS guideline or position statement was published this year. Work has focused on evidence signposting and scoping areas for pragmatic guidance on training, case selection, team set-up and outcome reporting.
Significant Events	ASGBI International Surgical Congress, Brighton, 12–14 May 2026: supported the innovation/MIS conversation. ASGBI Closer to Home/Southwest Robotic Surgery Symposium, 19 September 2025: aligned with regional robotic education and a practical 'how we do it' focus. Educational outcome: stronger emphasis on peer learning, team training and safe implementation.
Meetings Held	Participated in ASGBI Council and related business discussions as required, with a focus on representing robotic/MIS issues in education, regional engagement, partner relationships and future meeting content.
Key Relationships	ASGBI Council and Secretariat; ALSGBI and regional MIS colleagues; RCS England and education partners; ACPGBI and relevant specialty groups; local robotic units and theatre teams; and industry partners, where appropriate, in support of balanced, surgeon-led education.
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Aims and Objectives for next period	Next period: make the robotic/MIS brief more visible and useful; develop a clearer educational offer; strengthen links with ALSGBI, RCS and specialty groups; support regional events; encourage simple audit/outcome reporting; and explore a short ASGBI checklist or position paper on safe robotic adoption.



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