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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013655 – Elective operations and cancellations

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of elective operations carried out by the Trust in the following financial years:

2012/13
2013/14
2014/15
2015/16
2016/17

2. The number of elective operations cancelled at the last minute* due to non-clinical reasons, in the following financial years:

2012/13
2013/14
2014/15
2015/16
2016/17

NOTE: Please use NHS England's standard definition of last minute cancellations, "*Last minute means on the day the patient was due to arrive, after the patient has arrived in hospital or on the day of the operation or surgery.*" See: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective-operations/>

3. The number of elective operations cancelled at the last minute due to non-clinical reasons per financial year (2012/13 to 2016/17 inclusive), split into the following categories:

- Staff unavailable or sick (either anaesthetist, surgeon, theatre staff or other)
- Lack of available bed (either general or HDU, critical, or intensive care)
- Theatre list over-ran or no space on it (e.g. due to emergency case(s) coming in)
- Equipment missing / failure
- Any other reason

You may wish to tabulate the information as follows:

YEAR	Elective operations carried out	Last-minute cancellations	Reason for last-minute cancellation				
			Staff unavailable / sick	Lack of available bed	Theatre list over-ran / no space on it	Equipment missing / failure	Any other reason
2012/13	21,766	210	33	59	70	5	43
2013/14	22,556	358	10	79	165	5	99
2014/15	24,377	275	28	60	157	16	14
2015/16	23,900	385	36	25	198	18	108
2016/17	23,904	530	10	172	247	4	97