

Freedom of Information request 014971

6/9/19

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the total number of operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, broken down by the cause of the cancellation, for example due to lack of beds, operating theatre capacity, staffing issues, and equipment failures, in 2018/19 (financial year, April to March).

We understand how frustrating and inconvenient a cancelled op can be for a patient and the decision to rearrange is not one that is taken lightly. However, the number which were regrettably cancelled –633– compares to 25,837 procedures carried out which equates to 2.4% of all procedures.

In the total number of operations, broken down by cancellation reason, please include:

- Elective operations cancelled at the last minute. For the purposes of this request, 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. -

Cancelled elective operations 2018/19 - 633, included within this figure are 194 urgent cancelled operations

Reasons	Count
Patient preparation / Logistical Issues	103
Equipment / Records	101
Theatre Staffing	62
Ward Capacity	49
Out of Time (including emergency during session and case complexity)	318
	633

This information is also available:

Hospital Cancelled elective operations -

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

Urgent cancellations-

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/critical-care-capacity/critical-care-bed-capacity-and-urgent-operations-cancelled-2018-19-data/>