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Date: 25/10/23

Address / Email:

Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act on cancer operations that have been cancelled at your trust.

1. How many cancer operations have been cancelled by your NHS Trust in each of the past four financial years: 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20. - As per NHS Digital rules the Trust does not publish numbers lower than 5 as this could lead to the identification of the persons involved.. The number of cancelled operations in the year 2021/22 is less than 5 so Exemption Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act is applied.

2019/20	9
2020/21	8
2021/22	Less than 5
2022/23	7

2. Please could you provide a breakdown for the reasons these operations were cancelled e.g. lack of staff, lack of beds, or equipment issues, again broken down by the financial years 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.

- Due to the low numbers the Trust has provided a list of all the reasons why operations have been cancelled but this has not been broken down further due to the low numbers.

Reasons why operations were cancelled	Frequency
No HDU Bed	Most common
No Medical Records	
Out of time - Overbooked list	
Unexpected event	
Out of time - No theatre team	
Out of time - Previous complex case	
Treatment/Surgery deferred	
Clinical Staff Unavailable - Surgeon	
Inadequate surgical preparation (i.e., best interest meeting needed, consent issues)	
List Overrun - Other reason	
No ITU Bed	
No Ward Bed	
Out of time - Morning session overrun	
Procedure No Longer Necessary	
Unprepared - Preassessment Issues	Least common

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust