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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/012082

With reference to your FOI request that was received in connection with 'Cancelled operations' please see response below.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information:

The number of scheduled operations that have been cancelled in 2013-14 and 2014-15 to date due to bed shortages (example codes may be 2.1 ICU/HDU beds unavailable and 2.2 Ward beds unavailable) and a break down of the hospitals at which the cancellations occurred.

For 2013-14 and 2014-15 to date, the number of scheduled operations that were cancelled because of staff shortages (example codes may be 2.5 Surgeon unavailable - leave, 2.6 Surgeon unavailable - other, 2.7 Anaesthetist unavailable - leave, 2.8 Anaesthetist unavailable - other and 2.9 Theatre staff unavailable), again broken down by hospital.

Please include operations cancelled both before the day and on the day

We are unable to break down cancellations into 'before the day' and 'on the day' using existing systems / data. Operations are booked onto the system and may later be recorded as cancelled. No data is available to differentiate 'before' or 'on the day'.

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| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total | |
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| 2013/14 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 8 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 10 | 2 | 82 | All Russells Hall Site - no beds elsewhere |
| 2014/15 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 8 | | | | 34 | All Russells Hall Site - no beds elsewhere |

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Cancellations with reasons related to staff shortages have been summarised below. A decision has been made to include cancellations due to 'out of time anaesthetist late' and 'surgeon late' even though they may be late due to overruns with other patients.

| | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Total | |
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| 2013/14 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 75 | All Russells Hall Site |
| 2014/15 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 6 | | | | 36 | All Russells Hall Site |