

Freedom of Information request 014357

25/9/18

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.

Please provide this information for each of the past five financial years (i.e. years running from April to March - 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18).

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 urgent operations.

If the data is collected by the trust, please also provide a separate total for each year for all operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, regardless of how soon before the scheduled operation time the cancellation occurred.

Cancelled op

We've used the QMCO report (ops cancelled last minute due to hospital reasons). Reasons have been grouped.

| Reason | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Lack of Equipment | 5 | 16 | 18 | 5 | 29 |
| No Medical Records | 9 | 15 | 31 | 20 | 36 |
| No Ward / ITU / HDU Bed | 111 | 60 | 32 | 181 | 37 |
| Other | 34 | 10 | 18 | 13 | 25 |
| Out of time | 218 | 157 | 193 | 252 | 215 |
| Staff Unavailable | 11 | 28 | 29 | 15 | 32 |
| Unprepared / Inadequate Surgical Preparation | 32 | 36 | 67 | 66 | 92 |
| Grand Total | 420 | 322 | 388 | 552 | 466 |

Cancelled urgent ops

Process of validating the data in Jan 2017 so can only really quote the 2017/18 figures; 129. Cancellation reasons are not held electronically.