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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Please can you provide figures on the total number of patients who have had their operation cancelled for a second time. I would like these figures broken down by year for each of the past five years: 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018.

For context, I am looking for incidents where the surgery was cancelled for non-clinical reasons (i.e. staff shortages, equipment problems, lack of theatre capacity) and also not at the request of the patient.

Please see figures below.

Year	Cancelled twice
2018	13
2019	12
2020	11
2021	20
2022	11

In addition, please can you provide the largest number of times that a single patient has had their operation cancelled for non-clinical reasons, over the past five years. Please could you name the operation in question (e.g. hip replacement), and the year that the last cancellation took place (e.g. 2022).

Number of patients cancelled more than twice is less than 5 (< 5), therefore to say how many times could lead to patient identification

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

Yours sincerely

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