

Our Ref: 635/2021  
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**Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

NHS trusts elective care tracker systems record instances when a patient is removed from a waiting list (eg elective admission list or appointment waiting list), and the reason for this removal (see for example [https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/attributes/elective\\_admission\\_list\\_removal\\_reason.html](https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/attributes/elective_admission_list_removal_reason.html)).

For each of the separate periods (1) 2017-18, (2) 2018-19, (3) 2019-20, (4) 2020-21, and (5) April-August 2021, please provide:

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Questions	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	April-August 2021
The number of pathways on the trust’s elective waiting list(s) at the beginning of the period (also known as incomplete pathways).	4282	5418	5023	5734	5823
The number of times during the period a pathway (person/instance) has been removed from that/those lists.	10783	10344	11140	6016	3815
A breakdown of the number of reasons for the removals, for all the reasons held/recorded, including for the reason that the person died.	<b>RemovedPathways</b>		<b>ELECTIVE ADMISSION REMOVAL REASON</b>		
			<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>201718</b>		<b>9733</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>10783</b>
	<b>201819</b>		<b>9377</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>10344</b>
	<b>201920</b>		<b>10065</b>	<b>1075</b>	<b>11140</b>
	<b>202021</b>		<b>5709</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>6016</b>
	<b>202122</b>		<b>3572</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3815</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>38456</b>	<b>3642</b>	<b>42098</b>	

I have attached an example of some other trusts (anonymised) responses to part 3, in case it is helpful for reference.

The breakdown is shown in Q3 but for clarity, Removal reason 1 is Patient Admitted Electively and removal reason 4 is Patient Removed for Other Reasons. This was based on the data dictionary standards on the link