

Our Ref: 258

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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please:

1. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, the total number of elective operations done across all hospitals that your NHS Foundation Trust runs.
2. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, the total number of elective operations cancelled across all hospitals that your NHS Foundation Trust runs.
3. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, the total number of elective operations cancelled based on clinical reason across all hospitals that your NHS Foundation Trust runs.
4. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, the total number of elective operations cancelled based on capacity or non-clinical reason across all hospitals that your NHS Foundation Trust runs.
5. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, the total number of elective operations cancelled by patient across all hospitals that your NHS Foundation Trust runs.
6. From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, a breakdown of all the reasons for elective operations to be cancelled across all hospitals that your NHS Foundation Trust runs.

[See below chart](#)

Answers

For question 1, the number of elective operations performed in the trust was **62255**.

The data for questions 2-6 are provided in the table below. Please note that we are unable to distinguish between clinical and non-clinical cancellations for some of the reasons given in our systems. The count for two reasons have been omitted for confidentiality reasons owing to the small number of cancellations:

Reason Code	Description	Clinical?	Count
CANPAT	Cancelled by patient	Patient	2045
OTHER CLIN	Other clinical decision	Clinical	964
CONSULTANT	Consultant unavailable	Clinical	869
ANAES	Anaesthetist unavailable	Clinical	81
COVID19	Theatre staff (incl. Consultant) or patient have tested positive for Covid on admission	Clinical	54
OTHER NON	Other non-clinical decision	Non-Clinical	782
ADMIN	Administration error i.e. incorrect procedure listed	Non-Clinical	522
URGENT	Urgent cases taken priority	Non-Clinical	459
INDUSTRIAL	Industrial action	Non-Clinical	214
MGMENT NON	Consultant decision – non clinical decision eg lack of time available in theatre	Non-Clinical	169
GEN BED	No General bed available	Non-Clinical	89
EMERGENCY	Emergency procedure taken priority	Non-Clinical	75
EQUIPMENT	Equipment unavailable on the day	Non-Clinical	71
THEATRE	Theatre unavailable (eg previous procedure overrun)	Non-Clinical	25
INTERPRET	No interpreter	Non-Clinical	Less than 5
ITU BED	No intensive care bed available	Non-Clinical	Less than 5
SHORT TERM	Short term illness (eg cold) - patient deemed too unwell to proceed	Indeterminable	550
MGMENTCLIN	Consultant decision – clinical decision eg procedure no longer required	Indeterminable	379
LONG TERM	Consultant deems patient too unwell with a long term condition to proceed	Indeterminable	94
DECISION	(Category can cover various reasons)	Indeterminable	65
Total By Patient			2045
Total Clinical			1968
Total Non-Clinical			2410
Total Indeterminable			1088
Total Trust Cancellations			5466
Grand Total (Including Cancellations By Patient)			7511