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REQUEST

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of elective operations carried out by the Trust in the following financial years:

2012/13

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

2016/17

2. The number of elective operations cancelled at the last minute* due to non-clinical reasons, in the following financial years:

2012/13

2013/14

2014/15

2015/16

2016/17

NOTE: Please use NHS England's standard definition of last minute cancellations, "*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.” See: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective-operations/>

3. The number of elective operations cancelled at the last minute due to non-clinical reasons per financial year (2012/13 to 2016/17 inclusive), split into the following categories:

- Staff unavailable or sick (either anaesthetist, surgeon, theatre staff or other)
- Lack of available bed (either general or HDU, critical, or intensive care)
- Theatre list over-ran or no space on it (e.g. due to emergency case(s) coming in)
- Equipment missing / failure
- Any other reason

You may wish to tabulate the information as follows:

YEAR	Elective operations carried out	Last-minute cancellations	Reason for last-minute cancellation				
			Staff unavailable / sick	Lack of available bed	Theatre list over-ran / no space on it	Equipment missing / failure	Any other reason
2012/13							
2013/14							
2014/15							
2015/16							
2016/17							

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YEAR	Elective operations carried out	Last-minute cancellations	Reason for last-minute cancellation				
			Staff un	Lack of a	Theatre li	Equipme	Any other
2012/13	38,068	359	8	102	134	35	80
2013/14	38,690	291	33	36	102	16	104
2014/15	40,981	289	17	61	97	18	96
2015/16	43,316	421	15	86	185	25	110
2016/17	45,844	358	10	29	157	27	135