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 Subject: Operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons

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 three financial years (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19). 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.

For ease, please use the table below for responses.

Reason for Cancellation	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Lack of beds			
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran			
Staffing issues			
Equipment failures			
Emergency case took priority			
Adverse weather			
Booking / admin error			
Case note unavailable			
Other reasons			
TOTAL			

RESPONSE

Elective operations cancelled at the last minute.

Reason for Cancellation	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Lack of beds	40	16	10
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	66	35	63
Staffing issues	10	14	18
Equipment failures	27	21	29
Emergency case took priority	38	23	74
Adverse weather	0	0	0
Booking / admin error	26	39	33
Case note unavailable	*	0	0
Other reasons	149	175	201

· Cancelled urgent operations.

Reason for Cancellation	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Lack of beds	*	*	0
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	0	*	*
Staffing issues	*	*	0
Equipment failures	*	*	*
Emergency case took priority	0	0	7
Adverse weather	0	0	0
Booking / admin error	6	10	*
Case note unavailable	0	0	0
Other reasons	24	20	30

* We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trust's obligations under the Data Protection Act 1998. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Act.