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**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** cancelled children's surgical procedures

**Q1** The number of children (under 18s) who have a surgical procedure cancelled or delayed at your trust, in each of the past five calendar years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019).

**A1**

Reason	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bed Availability	99	50	74	64	26
Emergency Case	53	28	25	40	45
Equipment Issues	24	10	7	15	10
List Overrun	46	41	63	58	85
Other	30	45	38	49	15
Staffing	33	24	9	65	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>247</b>

**Q2** For each of these years, please could you provide figures broken down by the reason behind the cancellation or delay, e.g. lack of staff, lack of bed capacity, or lack of equipment.

**A2** Please see table in A1.

**Q3** Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for a surgical procedure currently faced by under-18s at your trust, e.g. 118 days, 116 days, 113 days. For each of these waits, please could you provide a summary of the surgical procedure in question, e.g. heart surgery.

**A3**

Weeks	Procedure
92	Incision of frenulum of tongue
87	Extraction of multiple teeth NEC
83	Unspecified excision of tonsil
81	Injection of therapeutic substance into salivary gland
81	Bilateral excision of tonsil NEC