

Reference Number: FOIAH2425/430
From: Private Individual
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Subject: Cancelled Operations between 2018 and 2024 for Non Clinical Reasons

Q1 Under the FOI Act, I would like to request the number of operations cancelled by the trust for non-clinical reasons in each financial year between 2018/19 and the latest available data in 2024/25 broken down by reason for cancellation.

This may include, but not be limited to: Capacity issues, emergencies, staff shortages, clinical need, patient request, equipment failure or administrative error.

A1 [Please see attached 430 FOI Response](#)

Number of Operations Cancelled with Reason - Per Year

Years	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Admin Error					*	*	*
Admin Change - List Rarranged						*	*
Anaesthetic Concerns		*		*			
Aneasthetist Unavailable		5	7	*	7	7	
Anaethetist unwell				*			
Another Patient took Priority		5					
Booked to incorrrect Session						*	
Change of Theatre					*		
Clinician Sickness		*					
Consultant Staffing issue			*				
Consultant Sick			*				
Doctor Request Delay	*	*	*	5	6	*	
Doctor request for Urgent Patient		8	11	18	31	10	
E Consent Issue					*		
Emergency Admission						5	5
Emergency List	*	38	7				
Emergency Theatre Capacity requied		5					
Emergency took Priority	*	*	*	12	15	19	39
Equipment Failure		13	*		9	*	6
Equipment Issues		8		11	*	*	
Equipment Missing		*	*				
Equipment unavailable						*	
Equipment not ordered		*					
Fasting instructions Not follow		*					
Hospital cancelled due to Coronavirus		5	14	12	*		
Inadequate Pre-assessment						*	
Interpreter not Reg by PCO		*					
List Overrun	7	51	44	57	68	55	62
List Re-Arranged		10	10	12	17	7	
No aneastetic cover					*		
No Bed Available						*	
No HDU Bed		12		6	11	*	*
No ICU Bed	25	25	*	6	18	6	*
No Surgical Back up					*		
NO INTERPRETER BOOKED		*				*	
No Theatre Staff		*	*				
No Ward Bed	8	98	*	77	32	*	*
No Ward staff Availability		*		*	*	*	
ODP Unavailable	*						
Patient Unwell					*	*	
Priority change for other Reason	6	*	*	*			
Refused in Anaes Room					*		
REDIRECT DUE TO OTHER REASON				*			
Referral Request cancelation		*		*			
Resource Maintenance				*		*	
Scrub practitioner Unavailable							*
Scrub Unavailable				*	15	32	20
STAFF SICKNESS			*		10		
Starvation Issues			*		*		
SURGICAL CONCERNS		*	*	7	7		
Sugeon Unwell	*			*	*		
Surgeon Unavailable		29	*	7	48	26	
Surgical Preferences		7			5		
Technical Issues Hospital					*		
Treatment Deferred						*	*
THEATRE ISSUE				*			
Theatre Maintenance					*		
Theatre Over Run					*		
Theatre Time Change		*	*				
Theatre Update		*					
THEATRE ISSUE				*			

Theatre Staff Unavailable					*		
Urgent Patient took Priority		*	*	*			
Ward Staff Unavailable						*	
Wrong date on swab			*				
	46	319	93	230	299	167	132

* The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.