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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 3979

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 06th August 2019.

Your request was as follows:

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, in 2018/19 (financial year, April to March).

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.

2018/19 Cancelled Ops 1 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, in 2018/19 (financial year, April to March).

Administrative error 6
Anaesthetist unavailable 2
Emergencies/trauma 48
Equipment failure 5
ICU/HDU beds unavailable 10
List abandoned - non clinical 14
List overrun 49
Surgeon unavailable 17
Ward beds unavailable 15

2018/19 Cancelled Ops 2 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.

Administrative error 0
Anaesthetist unavailable 0
Emergencies/trauma 1
Equipment failure 0
ICU/HDU beds unavailable 1
List abandoned - non clinical 1

List overrun 3
Surgeon unavailable 1
Ward beds unavailable 0

- Cancelled urgent operations.

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Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 3979 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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