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Our Ref: MB/KF FIRM 3941

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FIRM 3941**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th July 2019.

Your request was received 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. 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	113	72	24
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	66	46	59
Staffing issues	38	12	17
Equipment failures	12	5	6
Emergency case took priority	85	32	49
Adverse weather	0	0	0
Booking / admin error	6	5	7
Case note unavailable	0	0	0
Other reasons	3	3	0
TOTAL	323	175	162

See our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

**Mr Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**

