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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to cancelled operations for non-clinical reasons 2013 to March 2016.

How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons IN THE 3 DAY BEFORE a patient was due to be admitted?

Out of those cancellations, how many were rescheduled within 1 month?

How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons ON THE DAY a patient was due to be admitted?

Out of those cancellations, how many were rescheduled within the statutory time limit – e.g. 28 days?

Please provide this data by month for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 - up to and including March 2016.

The following should be included in the figures for 'operations':

- All planned or elective operations and day surgery*

For 'non-clinical reasons' please include a break-down of the following:

Bed-ward not available

Staff unavailable

Emergency operations taking priority

Maintenance needed on equipment

Patient unavailable

Admin error

Attached is a table that shows the number of planned/elective operations that were cancelled either on the day of the operation or between 1-3 days before.

Please note that this is all cancellations not just those that fall into the SITREP definitions.

All operations were rescheduled within 28 days of the cancellation date.

On day cancellations:

Cancellation Reason Description	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Total
Beds Not Available	20		1	1	4		3	2	2	4	8	5	50
Staffing Issues	1	2	9	1	3	7	4	5	1	4	5	1	43
Theatre List delays	4	5	5	8	4	1	8	14	10	7	10	12	88
Equipment Issues		2	4	2	6	2					2		18
Patient Cancellations	64	61	50	68	55	60	55	35	53	47	52	51	651
Admin Error	8	6	4	4	5	8	8	4	4	7	2	2	62
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision													0
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)	12	1	1	1		1				2		1	19
Total	109	77	74	85	77	79	78	60	70	71	79	72	931

Cancellation Reason Description	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Total
Beds Not Available	5	1	3	4		7	5	14	23	8	5	8	83
Staffing Issues	5	4	2	5	6	6	3	2	6	7	5	10	61
Theatre List delays	1	1	5	3	6	7	7	9	7	4	6	8	64
Equipment Issues		1	1	1	2		2	1		1	4	2	15
Patient Cancellations	55	55	53	59	41	58	46	35	64	52	35	50	603
Admin Error	1	5	2	5	4	6	5	2	6	4	5	6	51
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision									1				1
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)		2	1	1		1	1		1			4	11
Total	67	69	67	78	59	85	69	63	108	76	60	88	889

Cancellation Reason Description	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Total
Beds Not Available	3	11	1	5	7	1	1	11	8	6	10	7	71
Staffing Issues	1	3	1	5	17	1	4		2	9		7	50
Theatre List delays	12	7	6	12	12	9	6	5	2	13	4	10	98
Equipment Issues	6	1		1		1		7	1		1	1	19
Patient Cancellations	40	38	45	62	55	73	40	39	59	45	44	42	582
Admin Error	7	1	5	7	4	1	2	3	7	2	2	2	43
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision													0
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)		1		1	2	2		1		4	5		16
Total	69	62	58	93	97	88	53	66	79	79	66	69	879

1 – 3 day cancellations:

Cancellation Reason Description	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Total
Beds Not Available										3	1	1	5
Staffing issues	6	1	4	14	1	7	10	5	4	2	4	2	60
Theatre List delays	1	4	2	5	3		5	5	2	5	7	13	52
Equipment Issues	1						2				1	1	5
Patient Cancellations	46	48	33	39	42	46	58	53	44	50	37	56	552
Admin Error	3	4	5	2		3	6	3	3	5	5	5	44
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision													0
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)										1		1	21
Total	57	57	61	60	46	56	82	66	54	66	55	79	739

Cancellation Reason Description	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	Jul-14	Aug-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Total
Beds Not Available	1		1			3	8	3	143	169	8	29	365
Staffing issues	5	6	4	2	5	5	7	5	8	5	6		58

Theatre List delays		1	1	5	5	6	7	4	4	5	1	11	50
Equipment Issues	2	5	2		4	2	1	5	2		2		25
Patient Cancellations	37	37	40	43	36	56	47	33	51	47	43	38	508
Admin Error	1	2	3	3	5	8	4	13	4	6	3	9	61
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision													0
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)	4		2		1	2	11	4	3	8	1	8	44
Total	50	51	53	53	56	82	85	67	215	240	64	95	1111

Cancellation Reason Description	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Total
Beds Not Available	28	37	4	11	2	11	5	15	28	142	54	21	358
Staffing issues	11	12	2		7	2	1	2	4	6	6	1	54
Theatre List delays	6	7		3	6	4	8	5	9	8	7	5	68
Equipment Issues	7			3	3		1	3	1	3	2		23
Patient Cancellations	45	43	48	38	42	50	55	39	39	52	52	35	538
Admin Error	3		6	4	3	1	2	6	1	4	1	2	33
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision	2			1	1								4
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)	4	1	1	4	3	6	4	2	1	9	4	2	41
Total	106	100	61	64	67	74	76	72	83	224	126	66	1119