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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 Cancer operations – Annual cancellations.

*In the years 2015, 2016 & 2017 from January 1st until the current date could you please provide me with the total number per month of cancer operations cancelled by Hospitals under the umbrella of your Acute NHS Trust?*

The Trust reports the number of cancelled operations by Speciality, for example, if a patient was to have a mastectomy due to Breast cancer they would be a general surgery patient therefore if their operation was cancelled it would be under the specialty of general surgery. The Trust could not identify which cancelled operations are for cancer without going into each specific patient record.

The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing your request further.