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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.

You asked:

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.*

Trust response:

The Trust has previously answered a request giving data to the year 2017/2018. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s:

<http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Cancelled-operations.-011018.pdf>

Please find below the data for 2018/19.

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2018/19

Reason_Group	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Administration	5	6	5	7	8	6	7	6	4	2	5	4	65
Emergency Took Priority	4	12	1	6			2		2	3	8	1	39
Equipment		2		4	2	5	3	3	2	3	1	2	27
Lack of Theatre Time	7	6	8	6	7	12	6	10	8	10	11	14	105
No HDU/ITU Bed		1					1			3	1		6
Other	4	2		1	4	4	5	2	1	5	9	4	41
Surg. Avail.			8		13	5	10	6	4	2	9		57
Grand Total	20	29	22	24	34	32	34	27	21	28	44	25	340

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CancellationReasonDescription2	2018/19
Staff issues	454
Bed Availability	65
Admin errors	741
Equipment	69
Hospital Cancellation - Management Decision	406
Lack of time	400
Patient Cancelled	4081
Patient DNAs	363
(blank)	2
Total	6581