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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:

I would like to request 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.*
- *Cancelled urgent operations.*

If the data is collected by the trust, please also provide a separate total for each year for all operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, regardless of how soon before the scheduled operation time the cancellation occurred.

Trust response:

Please find below the data for 2018/19.

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Reason_Group	2018/19												Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
Administration	5	6	5	7	8	6	7	6	4	2	5	4	65
Emergency Took	4	12	1	6			2		2	3	8	1	39

Priority														
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