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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 elective operations 2010-2016.

- 1. Since 1st April 2010 what has been the maximum cost to the Trust of an elective operation being cancelled last-minute for non-clinical reasons? Please give additional detail as to what the operation was and how many members of staff were supposed to be working on the operation.*
- 2. Please provide the total number of elective operations cancelled last-minute for non-clinical reasons for each quarter going back to 2010.*
- 3. Please provide the total quarterly cost of elective operations being cancelled last-minute for non-clinical reasons for each quarter going back to 2010.*

1. The Trust produces statutory annual cost returns (Reference Costs) under guidance issued by DH and NHS Improvement. These costs produce a fully absorbed cost of the activity that we actually undertake, and not the work that we don't. To that extent we can find a cost for activities identified in the Reference Costs. We cannot provide a quarterly update over this timescale.

Given their huge size, we archive cost models after 2 years, and this would therefore limit the analysis available.

In reality however, the largest part of costs will be spread as an overhead against this activities that do take place.

In 2015/16, the cost of these cancellations was £42,105 and for 2014/15, the figure was £32,831.

In 2013-14 the figure was £66,649 and in 2012-13 the figure was £78,111

2.

Below are the numbers the Trust reported on the QMCO returns that are submitted each quarter.

Financial Year	Quarter	Number of elective operations cancelled last-minute for non-clinical reasons
2010/11	1	49
	2	67
	3	72
	4	41
2011/12	1	45
	2	47
	3	40
	4	81
2012/13	1	63
	2	39
	3	62
	4	87
2013/14	1	76
	2	56
	3	65
	4	78
2014/15	1	35
	2	72
	3	117
	4	104
2015/16	1	76
	2	109
	3	80
	4	97
2016/17	1	100
	2	154
	3	146

3. Please see the response to Q1.