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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 and appointments.

The National Emergency Preparedness Panel warned on 22 December that non-urgent operations should be cancelled, with a further update on 2 January advising that “day case and outpatient procedures” should also be put on hold to preserve emergency care.

Could the trust please provide the following details about cancellations for non-clinical reasons, and last minute (on the scheduled day of arrival at hospital or later) non-clinical cancellations.

Please note:

The January 2018 data has not been validated.

The Daycases (excluding operations) is a sub set of the operations cancelled
These figures include all the following cancellation reasons:

Anaesthetist Late

Bed Availability

Cancelled By Anaesthetist

Cancelled By Surgeon

Clinically Unfit for Surgery on Day of Op

Emergency Added/Interrupting/Delaying List

Equipment Failure/Unavailability

Hosp Canc - Industrial Action

Hosp Canc At Preassessment - Op Not Necessary

Hosp Canc At Preassessment - Unfit For Surgery

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Acute Illness

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Administrative Error

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Emergencies/Trauma

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Equip Fail/Unavailable

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Anaesthetist Available

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No HDU/ITU Bed Available

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Surg/Cons Available

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Ward Beds Available
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Op Not Necessary
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Overbooked List
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Pre-Existing Medical Cond
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Pre-Op Guid Not Followed
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Review In OPD
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Treated Elsewhere
 Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Unsuitable For Day Surg
 HospCanc-management decision (see comments field)
 Lack of Time - Hosp Canc
 No Anaesthetist
 No Surgeon
 No Theatre/Recovery Staff / No Radiographer
 Operation brought forward
 Patient already an Inpatient
 Patient Died
 Patient Not Ready
 Patient unfit at POA

Please see the following table:

	December 2016/17	January 2016/17	December 2017/18	January 2017/18
Operations cancelled by the trust	519	677	411	483
Operations cancelled by the trust at the last minute	64	54	37	55
Day cases (excluding operations) cancelled by the trust	407	542	354	421
Day cases (excluding operations) cancelled by the trust at the last minute	we do not report this			
Outpatient / clinic appointments cancelled by the trust	6106	7465	6732	9071
Outpatient / clinic appointments cancelled at the last minute	we do not report this			
Total cancellations				
How many of the total cancellations were given a new date within 28 days?	62	53	34	50