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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.

*You asked:*

1. *Please can you tell me the number of last minute elective operations cancelled for non clinical reasons at your trust or board for each month of 2020 and 2021 to date.*
2. *Please can you tell me the number of urgent operations cancelled for non-medical reasons during each month.*  
*If giving the full data requested would be likely to exceed the costs cap, please provide data for the most recent month and then as many months as possible working backwards until the limit is reached.*
3. *If possible, please let me know how many of the cancelled elective operations had still not been carried out 28 days later.*
4. *If possible, please let me know how many of the cancelled urgent operations had still not been carried out 28 days later.*

Trust response:

1.

<i>Reason</i>	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21
ADMIN ERROR	3	5	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	5	4	4	0	0	0
EMERGENCY INTERRUPTION	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT FAILURE	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
LIST OVERRUN	11	8	2	0	0	2	4	4	5	4	6	5	0	4	3
NO ANAESTHETIST AVAILABLE	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
NO HDU/ITU BEDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
OTHER REPORTABLE	0	6	1	0	0	2	1	3	6	5	4	4	3	2	9

SURGON/CONSULTANT NOT AVAILABLE	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
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2. The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format. To answer this question would require the manual search of patient records by a clinical staff member. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of 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 this part of your request further.

3.

Month-Year	Breast	Cardiology	ENT	Gynae	Gynae Oncology	Vascular	Ophth	Pain	Surgery	T&O	Urology	Paediatrics
Jan-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Feb-20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mar-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0
Apr-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0
May-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jun-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jul-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aug-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sep-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oct-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nov-20	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Dec-20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Jan-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Feb-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mar-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Apr-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
May-21	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0
Jun-21	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Jul-21	0	0	4	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Aug-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0

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