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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. The number of people who have had an operation cancelled or delayed at your trust for non-clinical reasons, in each of the past five calendar years (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018).*
- 2. For each of these years, please could you provide figures broken down by the reason behind the cancellation or delay, e.g. lack of staff, lack of bed capacity, or lack of equipment.*
- 3. Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for an operation currently faced by under-18s at your trust, e.g. 110 days, 98 days, 200 days. For each of these waits, please could you provide a summary of the surgical procedure in question, e.g. heart surgery.*

Trust response:

Q1 and Q2 – all age patients

Cancellation Reason	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Anaesthetist Late		1			
Bed Availability (Inc; bed/room being cleaned)	43	26	3	8	26
Cancelled COVID19 / Theatre Closures			1	13	29
Cancelled WINTER PRESSURES /Theatre Closures					5
Emergency Added/Interrupting/Delaying List	22	20	8	17	13
Equipment Failure/Unavailability	16	12	15	10	10
Hospital Cancel - Industrial Action		1			
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - Administrative Error	30	35	8	11	5
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - Emergencies/Trauma	1	1			3
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - Equipment Fail/Unavailable	2	2	2	1	
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - No Anaesthetist Available			1		

Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - No HDU/ITU Bed Available			1		
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - No Surgeon/Consultant Available	5	3	2	4	5
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - No Thea Staff Available			7		1
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - No Ward Beds Available	6	18	3	21	15
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - Overbooked List		5	1		1
Hospital Cancel Pre-Admission Date - PCT Decision		1		1	2
Hospital Cancel-management decision (see comments field)	25	31	37	36	31
Lack of Time - Hosp Cancel	60	65	30	44	57
Major Incident/Adverse Weather	7	6	6		4
No Anaesthetist	11	3	2	17	39
No Surgeon	42	35	10	14	29
No Theatre/Recovery Staff / No Radiographer	1	10	4	2	5
operation brought forward	3	2		2	2
Patient Not Ready	19	17	13	10	12
Patient/s not self-isolated			5	12	6
Previous Patient Still in Theatre	1		4	2	3
Private Case Overrun/Underrun	1				
Scopist called away/late/DNA		2			
Surgeon Late	1		1		1
Total	296	296	164	225	304

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SPECIALTY_NAME	Age band	Wait in Days
PAEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY	0-15	324
PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	16-17	294
PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	0-15	289
UROLOGY	0-15	288
PAEDIATRIC TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDICS	0-15	282

Further more detailed information will not be released as this may enable the patient to be identified.