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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 appointments.

## You asked:

Could I please request clarification on a number of points? In relation to the appointments which have been cancelled for Mr. Almeida's outpatient clinic on Friday 16 August 2024

- 1. Why were the appointments for 16 patients cancelled?
- 2. What criteria were used to determine which appointments were cancelled?
- 3. How were the rescheduled dates selected?

Trust response:

1.

6 patients cancelled due to Dr Leave

- 1 booked in wrong clinic
- 2 brought forward
- 7 moved for other clinically more urgent patients.

2. Below is the criteria that Mr Almeida agreed to when cancelling patients: **Follow ups** 

- 12 month follow ups can be postponed once for up to 9 months
- 6 month or more follow ups can be postponed once for up to 4 months
- 3 month or more follow ups can be postponed once for up to 2 months
- less than 3 months follow ups can only be postponed after checking with a clinician
- 3. Dates were offered as the next available.