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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: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.  
I would like to request the number of operations cancelled by the trust for non-clinical reasons in each financial year between 2018/19 and the latest available data in 2024/25 broken down by reason for cancellation.*

*This may include, but not be limited to: Capacity issues, emergencies, staff shortages, clinical need, patient request, equipment failure or administrative error.*

Trust response:

Count of Casenote Number	Contract Year						
Cancellation Reason	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Anaesthetist Late		1				1	
Bed Availability (Inc; bed/room being cleaned)	21	22	3	14	23	9	5
Cancelled COVID19 / Theatre Closures			2	28	13	1	
Cancelled WINTER PRESSURES /Theatre Closures				1	6		1
Emergency Added/Interrupting/Delaying List	21	22	3	20	21	20	28
Equipment Failure/Unavailability	14	21	7	8	15	22	15
Hosp Canc - Industrial Action	1					1	
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Administrative Error	33	29	9	9	6	10	7
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Emergencies/Trauma		1		1	2	3	1
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Equip Fail/Unavailable	2	3	1	1		6	2
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Anaesthetist Available			1				
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No HDU/ITU Bed Available			1			1	
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Surg/Cons Available	6	4		6	3		1

Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Thea Staff Available			7		1		
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - No Ward Beds Available	2	17	3	25	15	5	1
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - Overbooked List	1	4	1		2	3	3
Hosp Canc Pre Adm Date - PCT Decision		1		1	3	3	1
HospCanc-management decision(see comments field)	17	39	20	37	35	14	17
Industrial Action (any staff group)						3	
Lack of Time - Hosp Canc	69	62	14	49	70	68	94
Major Incident/Adverse Weather	1	10	1		7		
No Anaesthetist	7	4	1	28	32	11	1
No Surgeon	44	33	3	20	22	38	21
No Theatre/Recovery Staff / No Radiographer		11	3	2	5	4	10
operation brought forward	3	1		2	2	1	1
Patient Not Ready	16	14	14	11	11	11	9
Patient/s not self-isolated			6	12	5		
Previous Patient Still in Theatre	1	3	1	3	2	2	1
Private Case Overrun/Underrun	1						
Scopist called away/late/DNA		2			1		
Surgeon Late	1	1		1		1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>220</b>