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Subject: Loss of income due to cancelled operations

Q1 Please could you provide me with your trust's loss of income as a result of the cancelled elective or non-urgent surgeries this year? I understand that there are tariffs assigned for every procedure undertaken and that cancelling an operation results in the loss of that revenue. I would like this data on a monthly basis from January 2018 to the last date for which the data is held

A1 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Although number of cancellations is held, income figures cannot be put against this because income is based on the coding of activity/procedure and algorithms which involve factors such as co-morbidities and the length of stay.

Information on last minute cancellations is routinely published by NHS England:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective-operations/>

Additionally, when operations are cancelled it is generally because the Trust needed the resources to do different more urgent operations. Operations which would themselves generate their own income.

Q2 If you have comparative data for Jan-Dec 2017 (on the monthly basis also), I would also like this. If there is any breakdown of this data (for example, tariffs lost, cost of surgeons not working and so on), could you provide that too?

A2 Information not held – as above the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

Q3 If FOI requests of a similar nature have already been asked could you please include your responses to those requests.

A3 Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

Responses to requests relating to cancelled operations are available on our website.

Responses to FOI requests are published in our Disclosure Log and responses to requests on the topic of cancelled operations can be found via the link below:

<http://www.lhch.nhs.uk/about-lhch/information-governance/freedom-of-information/disclosure-logs/?category=&title=cancelled>