

Reference Number: FOI/2019/282
From: Private Individual
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Subject: Cancelled operations - non-clinical reasons last three financial years

Q1 I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

The total number of operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, broken down by the cause of the cancellation, for example due to lack of beds, operating theatre capacity, staffing issues, and equipment failures. Please provide this information for each of the past three financial years (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19). In the total number of operations, broken down by cancellation reason, please include:

- Elective operations cancelled at the last minute. For the purposes of this request, last minute means on the day the patient was due to arrive, after the patient has arrived in hospital or on the day of the operation or surgery.
- Cancelled urgent operations.

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Reason for Cancellation	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Lack of beds	34	59	23
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	68	59	66
Staffing issues	13	29	38
Equipment failures	14	8	11
Emergency case took priority	82	92	106
Adverse weather	0	0	0
Booking / admin error	3	7	2
Case note unavailable	0	0	0
Other reasons	16	39	16
TOTAL	230	293	262

Note that Adverse Weather would come under "Other Reasons" for recording purposes.