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Subject: Elective Operations: Performed, Cancelled and Breached between January 2019 and November 2020

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information on elective operations:

- Q1 The number of elective operations scheduled. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month i.e. the total number of elective operations that were scheduled for January 2019, February 2019 etc.
- Q2 The number of elective operations performed. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month.
- Q3 The number of elective operations cancelled at the “last minute”, as defined by the NHS when providing data on cancelled elective operations. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month.

The NHS defines “last minute” as “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”. See files available at: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

- Q4 The number of breaches of the standard, as defined by the NHS when providing data on cancelled elective operations. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month.

The NHS defines “breaches of the standard” as the “number of patients not treated within 28 days of the last minute cancellation” of an elective operation. See files available at: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

- Q5 The total number of elective operations cancelled, regardless of how long cancellations were made before scheduled operation times, if this information is also collected. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month i.e. the total number of elective operations cancelled in January 2019, February 2019 etc.

A1- Please see attached – [FOI2020354](#)
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Q1: Scheduled	
Row Labels	Count of Scheduled
2019	8538
January	759
February	684
March	690
April	680
May	701
June	690
July	755
August	608
September	746
October	805
November	779
December	641
2020	6107
January	816
February	722
March	849
April	226
May	272
June	422
July	497
August	453
September	607
October	614
November	629
Grand Total	14645

Q2: Performed	
Row Labels	Count of Performed
2019	6740
January	602
February	561
March	570
April	531
May	541
June	519
July	611
August	468
September	600
October	627
November	621
December	489
2020	4684
January	636
February	578
March	495
April	84
May	239
June	361
July	415
August	373
September	521
October	470
November	512
Grand Total	11424

Q3: Last Minute Cancellations	
Row Labels	Count of last minute
2019	169
January	10
February	9
March	14
April	25
May	17
June	16
July	9
August	15
September	9
October	13
November	19
December	13
2020	163
January	28
February	26
March	12
April	3
May	1
June	6
July	13
August	13
September	14
October	38
November	9
Grand Total	332

Q4: 28 Day Breach	
Row Labels	Count of 28 day breach
2019	1
July	1
Grand Total	1

Q5: Cancelled	
Row Labels	Count of Cancelled
2019	1798
January	157
February	123
March	120
April	149
May	160
June	171
July	144
August	140
September	146
October	178
November	158
December	152
2020	1415
January	180
February	144
March	354
April	142
May	33
June	61
July	82
August	80
September	86
October	143
November	110
Grand Total	3213