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Subject: Number of pathways on the trust's elective waiting list, number of times a pathway has been removed from waiting list and reasons for removal

NHS trusts elective care tracker systems record instances when a patient is removed from a waiting list (eg elective admission list or appointment waiting list), and the reason for this removal (see for example https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/attributes/elective_admission_list_removal_reason.html).

For each of the separate periods (1) 2017-18, (2) 2018-19, (3) 2019-20, (4) 2020-21, and (5) April-August 2021, please provide:

Q1 The number of pathways on the trust's elective waiting list(s) at the beginning of the period (also known as incomplete pathways).

A1	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	April-August 2021
	1022	969	857	1249	1495

Q2 The number of times during the period a pathway (person/instance) has been removed from that/those lists.

A2	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	April-August 2021
	749	781	751	1086	415

Q3 A breakdown of the number of reasons for the removals, for all the reasons held/recorded, including for the reason that the person died.

A3	Reasons for Removals	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	April-August 2021
	Removed for other reasons	224	314	254	376	137
	No longer requires treatment	135	141	144	251	92
	Added to list in error	103	90	129	135	59
	Treatment refused	125	90	90	93	40
	Patient died	42	33	36	69	24
	Unfit for procedure	44	47	36	37	21
	Admitted as emergency	45	34	25	49	21
	Patient admitted electively	15	13	10	41	7
	Patient choice – treated elsewhere	11	13	12	15	7
	Inappropriate referral	3	3	12	16	6
	Patient could not be contacted	2	3	3	4	1
	Grand Total	749	781	751	1086	415