

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_357_16

You asked:

1. Over the past five financial years (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) please state the number of last minute elective surgery cancellations there have been or non-clinical reasons for the following branches of surgery: trauma and orthopaedics, neurology, cancer, and ophthalmology. Please break down by year and surgery type.
2. Over the past five financial years (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) please state how many patients were not treated within 28 days of last minute elective cancellation of an operation for the following branches of surgery: trauma and orthopaedics, neurology, cancer, and ophthalmology. Please break down by year and surgery type.

Our response:

1. The Health Board are only able to provide this information from 2013 onwards only. This is due to changes made to the datasets in this year and the recording of this data being made mandatory.

We do not undertake neurology surgery. Also, please note that cancer is considered a diagnosis rather than an admitting specialty therefore, we are unable to provide data for this area.

Please see information provided in the table below:

Elective Surgery Cancellations on the Day of Admission				
Specialty	Category	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Trauma & Orthopaedic	Non-clinical	267	179	192
Ophthalmology	Non-clinical	162	142	51
	Total	429	321	243

2. Our Patient Administration System does not create a direct link between the cancelled admission and the actual undertaken procedure. This means that it is not possible to accurately state that any procedure booked after the cancelled procedure was definitely for the same case/condition, and was directly linked to the cancellation. Therefore, we are unable to provide the number of patients not treated within 28 days of a last minute elective surgery cancellation.