

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_245_19

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request 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, in 2018/19 (financial year, April to March). In the total number of operations, broken down by cancellation reason, please include:

1. 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.

Please see provided in the table below, elective (including Day Case) operations cancelled (for non-clinical Reasons) at the last minute (on the day of surgery).

Non Clinical Cancellation Reason	No of Cancelled Operations 2018/2019
Patient Cancellation	644
Theatre related	277
Other/Unspecified	105
Lack of Beds	71
Staffing	67
Procedure no longer necessary/Already Done	51
Equipment Failure/Unavailable	37
Administration/Booking Error	29
Patient brought forward	1
Grand Total	1282

2. Cancelled urgent operations.

Please see provided in the table below the number of cancelled urgent operations for non-clinical reasons

Non Clinical Cancellation Reason	No of Cancelled Operations 2018/2019
Patient Cancellation	52
Procedure no longer necessary/Already Done	38
Theatre related	28
Administration/Booking Error	23
Staffing	8
Other/Unspecified	7
Equipment Failure/Unavailable	3
Lack of Beds	2
Patient brought forward	1
Grand Total	162

3. If the data is collected by the Health Board, please also provide a separate total for each year for all operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, regardless of how soon before the scheduled operation time the cancellation occurred.

Total number of operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, broken down by the cause of the cancellation.

Non Clinical Cancellation Reason	No of Cancelled Operations 2018/2019
Patient Cancellation	1490
Theatre related	490
Other/Unspecified	266
Staffing	263
Administration/Booking Error	236
Patient brought forward	161
Procedure no longer necessary/Already Done	121
Equipment Failure/Unavailable	100
Lack of Beds	94
Grand Total	3221