

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_304_23

You asked:

I am seeking information on the following points about elective surgeries.

1. The number of elective operations cancelled by the health board, at no fault of the patient. I would like this information for 2022-23.

1a. Please provide a breakdown by service or speciality.

Cancelled Elective Surgery by Specialty	
Speciality	Total
ANAESTHETICS	4
CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY	3
ENT	743
GENERAL SURGERY	946
GYNAECOLOGY	424
MIXED SPECIALTY	4
OBSTETRICS	86
OPHTHALMOLOGY	57
ORAL & MAXILLO FACIAL SURGERY	13
ORAL SURGERY	113
TRAUMA & ORTHOPAEDIC	640
UROLOGY	541
Total	3574

1b. Clarify how many of the operations were cancelled for clinical reasons, as opposed to non-clinical.

Cancelled Elective Surgery by Reason	
	Total
Hospital - Clinical	948
Hospital - Non-Clinical	2626
Total	3574

1c. Clarify how many of the operations were cancelled at 'short notice'?

Cancelled Elective Surgery by Notice Period	Total
1 Day Notice	559
15-21 Days Notice	206
2-3 Days Notice	434
4-7 Days Notice	796
8-14 Days Notice	500
Cancelled on Day of Operation	905
Operation brought forward	46
Over 21 days Notice	128
Total	3574

1d. Clarify how many of the cancelled operations were rescheduled within the following 28 days?

Cancelled Elective Surgery 1st Cancellation date to Day of Surgery within 28 days	Total
Count of Case Numbers	813

Please note the following:

- The date range for the data provided is 01/01/2022 to 30/06/2023 based on the date of cancellation.
- The data includes all elective cancellations, but excluded the following cancellation reasons
 - Patient Cancelled
 - Positive pregnancy test
 - Operation not necessary
 - Patient deceased
 - Pre-Op guidance not followed
 - Booked in Error
- A patient may receive more than 1 cancellation for the same operation.
- With regards to 1d - The total number of cancellations can contain multiple cancellations for the same operation. Therefore, the calculations for part 1d is from the date of the first cancellation to the date of the operation. Please note because there can be multiple cancellations, the patient may have been the reason some of the delays between 1st cancellation date and the date of the operation.
- The total number of cancellation is 3474, and the total number of operations performed within 28 days of the 1st cancellation date is 813. 813 is based on the number of operations, 3471 is based on the number of cancellations.
- A patient may have had and elective surgery cancellation, but the operation may have been carried out under a different specialty e.g. emergency or trauma, this data has been included in the results.