

FOI REF: 23/069

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- The number of children (under 18s) who have an operation cancelled or delayed at your trust for non-clinical reasons, in each of the past five calendar years (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018).**

Please see table below.

Year	Cancellations - Non Clinical reasons
2018	2
2019	3
2020	0
2021	10
2022	6
Total	21

- For each of these years, please could you provide figures broken down by the reason behind the cancellation or delay, e.g. lack of staff, lack of bed capacity, or lack of equipment.**

Please see table below.

Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Administrative Error				1	1	2
Covid 19				5	1	6
Emergencies / Trauma	1			1	1	3
No Surgeons/Consultants Available		3		2	1	6
No Theatre Staff Available	1				1	2
Equipment Failure/Unavailable					1	1
Theatre List Overrun				1		1
Total	2	3	0	10	6	21

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3. Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for an operation currently faced by under-18s at your trust, e.g. 118 days, 116 days, 113 days. For each of these waits, please could you provide a summary of the surgical procedure in question, e.g. heart surgery.

Please see table below.

Waiting Days	Procedure
550	Total Adenoidectomy
504	Bilateral Dissection Tonsillectomy
482	EWL - Cortical Mastoidectomy - D103 Tympanoplasty
480	EWL - Tympanoplasty
469	EWL - Right EUE Nasal Cavity + Cauteryany Suit Middle Grade low Risk

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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