

FOI REF: 22/674

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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:

- a) **How many elective operations were cancelled for a non-clinical reason at the Trust in 2021/22, broken down by reason for cancellation? In case helpful, I have provided a table for ease of response:**

Reason for cancellation	Number
Lack of beds	18
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	53
Staffing issues	110
Equipment failures	29
Emergency case took priority	31
Adverse weather	0
Booking / admin error	28
Case note unavailable	0
Other reasons	0
Total	269

- b) **Of the total elective operations cancelled for a non-clinical reason at the Trust in 2021/22, how many were:**

i.	urgent surgery	81
ii.	paediatric surgery	2
iii.	surgical oncology	32

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

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Yours sincerely

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