



FOI REF: 23/075

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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 people who have had 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).**

**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 could you provide figures on the five longest waits for an operation currently faced by under-18s at your trust, e.g. 110 days, 98 days, 200 days. For each of these waits, please could you provide a summary of the surgical procedure in question, e.g. heart surgery.**

[Please see attached document.](#)

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](mailto: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.

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

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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**FOI 23-075 - Data for reply to the request**

**Non-clinical cancellations by reason and year - includes cancellations on the day and those with advance notice**

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
MIXED SEX THEATRE LIST ISSUE					1
CCG DECISION	1		1		3
EMERGENCIES / TRAUMA	414	234	309	590	593
EQUIPMENT FAILURE / UNAVAILABLE	99	46	95	113	123
NO ANAESTHETIST AVAILABLE	204	144	48	25	87
NO HDU/ITU BED AVAILABLE	12	5	15	13	15
NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE	637	214	385	678	864
NO THEATRE STAFF AVAILABLE	134	148	15	19	13
NO WARD BEDS AVAILABLE	317	160	73	27	19
OVERBOOKED LIST	67	34	46	63	113
THEATRE LIST OVERRUN	60	31	36	60	48
QUEENS FUNERAL	32				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1588</b>	<b>1879</b>

**Current (as at 08.02.2023) Under 18 Longest Waiters - Wait in Days from first referral date**

Description	Wait	Procedure
CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE	482	LEFT TYMpanoplasty - Cortical Mastoidectomy - Left
CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE	462	Bilateral Tonsillectomy - Examination of Post Nasal Space - Adenoidectomy
CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE	440	Pinnaplasty - Left
CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE	428	Bilateral Dissection Tonsillectomy - Total Adenoidectomy - Bilateral
CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE	422	Bilateral Dissection Tonsillectomy - Bilateral - Total Adenoidectomy