



FOI REF: 23/668

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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:

- 1) **How many cancer operations have been cancelled by your NHS Trust in each of the past four financial years: 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.**
- 2) **Please could you provide a breakdown for the reasons these operations were cancelled - e.g. lack of staff, lack of beds, or equipment issues, again broken down by the financial years 2022/23, 2021/22, 2020/21 and 2019/20.**

If possible please can you provide this information in a spreadsheet.

Subsequent to your initial request you forwarded the following clarification:

To clarify following my request below, I am looking for information on cancer operations that were cancelled *on the same day*, and for *non-clinical reasons*.

By cancer operations, I am referring to procedures being undergone by cancer patients as part of their treatment for the illness.

[Please see the 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), 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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RE: FOI 23/668 Cancelled Cancer Operations

Response to Q1 & Q2 aligned with QMCO reporting methodology - Reportable on the day/last minute procedure cancellations for non-clinical reasons with waiting list urgency listed as 'cancer'

Cancellations Reason	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	Grand Total
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR			2	1	3
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - COVID19	1	3		2	5
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - EMERGENCIES / TRAUMA	1			1	2
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - NO HDU/ITU BED AVAILABLE		1	1		2
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE				9	9
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - OVERBOOKED LIST	1				1
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR	1	1			2
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - COVID19		3	2	1	6
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - EQUIPMENT FAILURE / UNAVAILABLE				1	1
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - NO HDU/ITU BED AVAILABLE	1				1
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE	6		4		10
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - THEATRE LIST OVERRUN		1	4	2	7
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR				1	1
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - EMERGENCY/TRAUMA				1	1
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - EQUIPMENT FAILURE/UNAV.	2	4	4		10
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - NO ANAESTHETIST AVAILABLE		1			1
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - NO HDU/ITU BED AVAILABLE	3	3	4	3	13
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE	5		4	5	14
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - NO WARD BEDS AVAILABLE	2			2	4
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - THEATRE LIST OVERRUN	10	5	5	6	26
Grand Total	33	24	42	26	125