

FOI REF: 24/124

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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:

Please can you provide me with information on children's surgical procedures that have been cancelled or delayed at your trust:

- 1) **The number of children (under 18s) who have a surgical procedure cancelled or delayed at your trust, in each of the past five calendar years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019).**

[Please see the attached document.](#)

- 2) **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 the attached document.](#)

- 3) **Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for a surgical procedure 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 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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
esh-tr.foi@nhs.net

FOI 24-124 All Children Cancelled Surgical Procedures (Under 18)

1 & 2) Procedures cancelled for Under 18 year olds - Cancellations by the hospital and patient as not specified in the request (cancelled at any point prior to, or on the day)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - COVID19		47	17	4		68
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - EMERGENCIES / TRAUMA	20	8	11	23	17	79
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - EQUIPMENT FAILURE / UNAVAILABLE	1	1		1		3
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - INDUSTRIAL ACTION					23	23
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - NO ANAESTHETIST AVAILABLE	2	8	3	4	11	28
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE	23	18	5	12	7	65
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - NO THEATRE STAFF AVAILABLE			3	6		9
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - NO WARD BEDS AVAILABLE	2	2	3	1	1	9
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - OVERBOOKED LIST	2		3	3	5	13
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION	3	1	1	1	9	15
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - UNFIT DUE TO ACUTE ILLNESS	1	2	1		1	5
HOSP CANCELLED BEFORE TCI - UNSUITABLE FOR DAY SURGERY	1	1		1	25	28
HOSP CANCELLED BY PREASSESS - UNFIT FOR SURGERY	1	1	2		2	6
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - COVID19			2	1		3
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - EMERGENCIES / TRAUMA	1		1			2
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE	3	2				5
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION			1			1
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - PRE-OP GUIDANCE NOT FOLLOWED		1				1
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - UNFIT DUE TO ACUTE ILLNESS	3	1		1		5
HOSP CANCELLED ON DAY OF TCI - UNSUITABLE FOR DAY SURGERY				1	2	3
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - EMERGENCY/TRAUMA					1	1
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - NO SURG/CONS AVAILABLE	1		1		1	3
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - PATIENT RELUCTANCE OR REFUSAL	4	2		1	2	9
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITION	1	2			1	4
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - THEATRE LIST OVERRUN			2			2
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - UNFIT DUE TO ACUTE ILLNESS	5	2	3		3	13
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED - UNSUITABLE FOR DAY SURGERY				1	3	4
PATIENT ADMITTED - TREATMENT DEFERRED PROCEDURE ABANDONED FOR CLINICAL REASONS		1				1
	74	100	59	61	114	408

- 3) Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for a surgical procedure 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.

Wait*	Procedure
525	CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE - Tympanoplasty
517	CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE - Tympanoplasty
456	CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE -BILATERAL TONSILLECTOMY+/-BIOPSY+/-ADENOIDECTOMY
456	CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE - TOTAL ADENOIDECTOMYE201 BILATERAL DISSECTION TONSILLECTOMYF341
445	CHILDREN - ENT DAY CASE - BILATERAL DISSECTION TONSILLECTOMY - F341 TOTAL ADENOIDECTOMY - E201

*Current wait in days to 27.02.2024