

FOI REF: 24/174

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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 I request details of disruption to operating theatres caused by issues and/or failures with the physical environment. This may include - but is not limited to - flooding, room temperature, inadequate ventilation, loss of power, mould, ceiling collapse and water supply.

Please can I request a copy of:

- Details of all incidents related to the physical environment or building that caused downtime in operating theatres since 2021 to date.**

Date of Incident	Location Description	Specialty / Department	Overview of Incident	Number of operations cancelled
1/3/2024	Conq Th 05	TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS	Repair of theatre Door & Wall	0
5/10/2024	Bex Th	OPHTHALMOLOGY	Repair of theatre Door & Wall	0
1/26/2024	Conq Th 08	TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS	Repair of theatre Door & Wall	0

****There were other incidents recorded during the timeframe requested where the operating theatres were closed due to physical environment, however these were not failures but rather just planned upkeep/ maintenance and in only 1 instance caused the cancellation of operations.**

Date of Incident	Location Description	Specialty / Department	Overview of Incident	Number of operations cancelled
1/30/2024	Bex Th	OPHTHALMOLOGY	Planned Maintenance	2

- 2) For each, can you please share: overview of issue with physical environment that caused downtime, length of downtime in hours, number of cancelled operations as a result, department affected and year of incident.

Response included in the table above

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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