

## Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

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<b>Key words</b>	Elective Operations Scheduled, Performed and Cancelled Jan 2019 - Nov 2020
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<b>Attachments</b>	Yes

You asked

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information on elective operations:

1. The number of elective operations scheduled. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month i.e. the total number of elective operations that were scheduled for January 2019, February 2019 etc.

Please refer to the attachment.

2. The number of elective operations performed. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month.

Please refer to the attachment.

3. The number of elective operations cancelled at the “last minute”, as defined by the NHS when providing data on cancelled elective operations. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month.

The NHS defines “last minute” as “on the day the patient was due to arrive, after the patient has arrived in hospital or on the day of the operation or surgery”. See files available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

Please refer to the attachment.

4. The number of breaches of the standard, as defined by the NHS when providing data on cancelled elective operations. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month.

The NHS defines “breaches of the standard” as the “number of patients not treated within 28 days of the last minute cancellation” of an elective operation. See files available at:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

Please refer to the attachment.

- 5. The total number of elective operations cancelled, regardless of how long cancellations were made before scheduled operation times, if this information is also collected. I would like this information for January 2019 to November 2020, broken down by month i.e. the total number of elective operations cancelled in January 2019, February 2019 etc.**

The Trust does not hold this information as we do not validate cancellations that were cancelled with notice.

**Legal notes:**

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b), unless otherwise specified because it constitutes personal information.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer and banded information that could reveal a number of five or fewer. Our approach avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing, whilst providing you with as much detail as possible. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

**Attachments included:** Yes