

**Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log
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You asked

I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

- a. How many operations in total has your Trust cancelled from 1 March 2020 - 1 March 2021 and can you give a breakdown of reasons for the cancellations?

Cancellation Reason	Total
No critical care bed available post operatively	77
Anaesthetist sick/unavailable	23
Equipment missing/failure	21
Theatre list overran	167
Lack of theatre staff	23
No general bed available	274
No space on theatre list (emergency took priority)	239
Other	43
Surgeon sick/unavailable	49

Data is based on 'On the day cancellations for non-clinical reasons' as this data receives full validation

How many were urgent operations?

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- b. How many operations in total has your Trust cancelled from 1 March 2019 - 28 February 2020 and can you give a breakdown of reasons for the cancellations?

Cancellation Reason	Total
Surgeon on leave	Five or fewer*
No critical care bed available post operatively	127
Anaesthetist sick/unavailable	100

Equipment missing/failure	92
Theatre list overran	349
Lack of theatre staff	60
No general bed available	568
No space on theatre list (emergency took priority)	371
Other	86
Surgeon sick/unavailable	115

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How many were urgent operations?

86

- c. **How many operations in total has your trust cancelled for Under 16s from 1 March 2020 - 1 March 2021 and can you give a breakdown of reasons for the cancellations?**

Cancellation Reason	Total
Anaesthetist sick/unavailable	Five or fewer*
Equipment missing/failure	Five or fewer*
No critical care bed available post operatively	Five or fewer*
No general bed available	Five or fewer*
No space on theatre list (emergency took priority)	Five or fewer*
Other	Five or fewer*
Surgeon sick/unavailable	Five or fewer*
Theatre list overran	7

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How many were urgent operations?

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- d. How many operations in total has your trust cancelled for Under 16s from 1 March 2019 - 28 February 2020 and can you give a breakdown of reasons for the cancellations?

Cancellation Reason	Total
Anaesthetist sick/unavailable	24
Equipment missing/failure	Five or fewer*
Lack of theatre staff	8
No general bed available	26
No space on theatre list (emergency took priority)	22
Other	30
Surgeon sick/unavailable	9
Theatre list overran	15

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How many were urgent operations?

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I request that the information be sent to me digitally and within the legal timeframe for requests.

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.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are 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: No