

Date: **22 August 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5339**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your requests for information below:

Your Request

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

The total number of operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, broken down by the cause of the cancellation, for example due to lack of beds, operating theatre capacity, staffing issues, and equipment failures. Please provide this information for each of the past three financial years (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19). In the total number of operations, broken down by cancellation reason, please include:

- Elective operations cancelled at the last minute. For the purposes of this request, last minute means 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.*
- Cancelled urgent operations.*

For ease, please use the table below for responses.

Reason for Cancellation	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
<i>Lack of beds</i>			
<i>Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran</i>			
<i>Staffing issues</i>			
<i>Equipment failures</i>			
<i>Emergency case took priority</i>			
<i>Adverse weather</i>			
<i>Booking / admin error</i>			
<i>Case note unavailable</i>			
<i>Other reasons</i>			
TOTAL			

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust submits on a quarterly basis the national Quarterly Cancelled Operations numbers, the figures provided in the excel spreadsheet are a breakdown of non-clinical reasons covering the period requested and correlate to our national submissions.

Please see our response to your request for information in the attached Excel spreadsheet titled "*FOIRQ5339 – Reasons for Cancellation*".

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helped to answer any issues, concerns or questions. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Your Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received to your request for information, please contact the FOI team and quote your reference number on all correspondence relating to your request.

You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
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LONDON
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If you are still not satisfied with your response, you also have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner.

You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

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