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Subject: Reasons behind cancelled operations

REQUEST

Under the FOI Act, I would like to request the number of operations cancelled by the trust for non-clinical reasons in each financial year between 2018/19 and the latest available data in 2024/25 broken down by reason for cancellation.

This may include, but not be limited to: Capacity issues, emergencies, staff shortages, clinical need, patient request, equipment failure or administrative error.

RESPONSE

Reportable cancelled operations.

Cancellation Reason	No. Cancellations						
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 (Apr-Sep)
Lack of beds	48	73	11	33	51	69	35
List Overran	72	35	29	82	86	67	62
Staffing issues	22	28	12	88	102	83	46
Equipment failures	30	40	14	32	23	50	5
Emergency case took priority	78	60	18	80	90	118	62
Booking / admin error	51	52	46	48	95	115	77
Other reasons	193	185	51	201	279	291	144

Please note 'Other reasons' include- Pre op guidance not followed, X ray unavailable, need a different site, transfer to another site, awaiting equipment, No equipment available, Consultants request, Coronavirus and medically unfit.