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REQUEST

There have been two periods this year when UKHSA has issued “amber” or “red” heat health alerts across much or all of England. These took place on the following dates:

- 22-28 May 2026
- 18-27 June 2026

Please provide me with the following information for this NHS trust, for the dates listed above:

- How many elective surgeries were cancelled **by hospitals** during these periods? If available, please provide a list that includes:
 - What each surgery was for.
 - The reason given for each cancellation, if one was provided – **including whether heat was a factor, if this is recorded.**
- How many emergency surgeries were cancelled **by hospitals** during these periods? If available, please provide a list that includes:
 - What each surgery was for.
 - The reason given for each cancellation, if one was provided – **including whether heat was a factor, if this is recorded.**

In addition, if the following information is available for the trust, can you also tell me:

- How many surgical operations that were already underway were disrupted or forced to stop due to heat during these periods? Please provide the reason why the surgery was disrupted or halted, if this information is available.
- Please also indicate if any of these disruptions or cancellations detailed above resulted in medical complications and/or fatalities.

RESPONSE

Elective Cancellations

	Total Hospital Cancellations
22-28th May	14
18th-27th June	31

By Reason (no due to factors relating to heat)

Reasons	22-28th May	18th-27th June
List Overrun	<5	4
Staff Shortage/Sickness	0	11
Admin Error	0	<5
Ran out of Theatre Time	6	8
Pre Op Guidance not Followed on Ward	0	<5
Trauma (Transferred to Elective List)	0	<5
Cancelled Due To Trauma	0	<5
Communication Error	0	<5
Urgent Patient took priority	<5	0
Other	<5	<5
No Anaesthetist	<5	<5

By Intended Procedure

Operation	22-28th May	18th-27th June
Arthroscopic Rotator Cuff Repair of the Shoulder	<5	<5
AWR		<5
Bilateral endoscopic inguinal hernia repair		<5
Carpal Tunnel Decompression		<5
Colonoscopy	<5	
DC Cardioversion		<5
Debridement of a Heel Ulcer	<5	
Deep excision SCC R scalp + bone burring		<5
Elective Caesarean Delivery		<5
EUA Anorectum		<5
EXC hurley stage 3 + BTM	<5	
Excision of swelling left ring finger		<5
Flexi RUS & casset & stent		<5
Haemorrhoidal Artery Ligation		<5
Hernia Repair (Not Elsewhere Described)	<5	
Intra Articular Hip Injection		<5
L foot cheuran + skin procedure big toe	<5	
L ureteroscope + laser to stone + stent	<5	
lap +/- open right hemicolectomy		<5
Lap chole	<5	
Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy	<5	
Laparoscopic Occlusion of Fallopian Tube		<5
Laparoscopic cystectomy +/- laparotomy +/- oophorectomy		<5
Left carpal tunnel decompression		<5

Left index PIPJ arthrodesis		<5
Open left inguinal hernia repair		<5
Open mesh hernia repair	<5	
ORIF & bone graft left scaphoid non union		<5
Removal of Foreign Body from Ear Lobe		<5
Right carpal tunnel decompression		<5
right foot osteotomy		<5
Right ring & little finger dupuytren's fasciotomy		<5
RTKR		<5
Scar revision right cheek		<5
THR	<5	
TURP	<5	
Upper blepharoplasty	<5	

Emergency/Trauma Cancellations

	Total Hospital Cancellations
22-28th May	11
18th-27th June	<5

By Reason (no due to factors relating to heat)

Reasons	22-28th May	18th-27th June
No Anaesthetist	<5	0
Ran out of Theatre Time	<5	<5
Urgent Patient took priority	<5	<5

By Intended Procedure

Operation	22-28th May	18th-27th June
IM Fixation of the Femur	<5	
ORIF Ankle #	<5	
Debridement and washout + nailbed repair R ring finger + MUA	<5	
EUA + washout + debridement of L index finger + L middle finger	<5	
EUA and terminalisation +/- proceed L ring finger	<5	
EUA L palm +/- repair of flex or tendon to ring finger +/- proceed	<5	
L distal bicep repair	<5	
L patella tendon repair	<5	
L proximal humerus	<5	
Left ankle ORIF		<5
Left hand exploration washout & debridement		<5
R hip aspiration		<5
Right ankle fracture with talar shift		<5
Washout closure dog bite nose	<5	