

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-608

25 January 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting
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.**
 - Jan-19 392
 - Feb-19 433
 - Mar-19 564
 - Apr-19 403
 - May-19 452
 - Jun-19 464
 - Jul-19 439
 - Aug-19 395
 - Sep-19 368
 - Oct-19 530
 - Nov-19 466
 - Dec-19 403
 - Jan-20 310
 - Feb-20 463
 - Mar-20 235
 - Apr-20 38
 - May-20 25
 - Jun-20 10
 - Jul-20 79
 - Aug-20 96
 - Sep-20 118
 - Oct-20 139
 - Nov-20 157

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

Jan-19 367
Feb-19 402
Mar-19 537
Apr-19 371
May-19 427
Jun-19 431
Jul-19 410
Aug-19 379
Sep-19 347
Oct-19 514
Nov-19 442
Dec-19 378
Jan-20 271
Feb-20 438
Mar-20 220
Apr-20 36
May-20 24
Jun-20 10
Jul-20 75
Aug-20 90
Sep-20 113
Oct-20 133
Nov-20 143

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.

Jan-19 25
Feb-19 31
Mar-19 27
Apr-19 32
May-19 25
Jun-19 33
Jul-19 29
Aug-19 16
Sep-19 21
Oct-19 16
Nov-19 24
Dec-19 25
Jan-20 39
Feb-20 25
Mar-20 15

Apr-20 2
May-20 1
Jun-20 0
Jul-20 4
Aug-20 6
Sep-20 5
Oct-20 6
Nov-20 14

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/>

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.

We do hold the requested information; however, under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is exempt from disclosing the information as it is intended for future publication.

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

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/>

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.

We don't hold this information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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