

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-536**

12 October 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. Please can you tell me the number of last minute elective operations cancelled for non clinical reasons at your trust or board for each month of 2020 and 2021 to date.**

Year / Month	Number of cancellations
<b>2020</b>	
Jan	72
Feb	41
Mar	68
Apr	6
May	7
Jun	17
Jul	12
Aug	24
Sep	37
Oct	42
Nov	24
Dec	42
<b>2021</b>	
Jan	38
Feb	22
Mar	26
Apr	26
May	39
Jun	53
Jul	63

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from

the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

**2. Please can you tell me the number of urgent operations cancelled for non-medical reasons during each month.**

Year / Month	Number of cancellations
<b>2020</b>	
Jan	13
Feb	8
Mar	9
May	*
Jun	*
Jul	*
Aug	*
Sep	7
Oct	11
Nov	*
Dec	11
<b>2021</b>	
Jan	*
Feb	7
Mar	6
Apr	7
May	8
Jun	6
Jul	12

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**3. If possible, please let me know how many of the cancelled elective operations had still not been carried out 28 days later.**

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**4. If possible, please let me know how many of the cancelled urgent operations had still not been carried out 28 days later.**

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  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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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