

Cancelled Operations

April 2013 to March 2017

Summary

1. How many children's operations have been cancelled each month since 1st July 2016? Please give additional details as to what the main reasons for the cancellations were, how many were urgent operations or elective operations, and what type of illness did they involve, e.g. cancer, breathing problems, broken limbs etc.

Data includes all patients aged 18 or under on the date of cancellation. The data is summarised by surgical speciality which will indicate the type of illness, and by urgency. Only cancellations of elective operations are included as we do not record emergency cancellations.

Summary by month and surgical speciality - 01/07/2016 to 31/03/2017

Specialty	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Grand Total
ENT	3	2	6	1	5	3	5	3	1	29
General Surgery		1	1	6					1	9
Gynaecology					1		1			2
Ophthalmology	1	1	2		1	1	1			7
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	3	2	6	2	9	10	3	2	5	42
Urology		3				4	4			11
Trauma & Orthopaedics	2	1			1			2		6
Grand Total	9	10	15	9	17	18	14	7	7	106

Summary by cancellation reason and urgency - 01/07/2016 to 31/03/2017

Cancellation reason	Routine	Urgent	Grand Total
Administrative error	3		3
Anaesthetist unavailable	1		1
Cancelled for more urgent patient	2	1	3
Equipment failure	2		2
List overrun	1		1
No bed available	14	4	18
Operation not needed	16	5	21
Patient did not attend	7	2	9
Patient not available	13	1	14
Surgeon unavailable	8	1	9
Unfit for surgery	16	9	25
Grand Total	83	23	106

2. How many children's operations have been cancelled over the last four financial years to date?

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Grand Total
Total	178	160	151	125	614