

Ref: FOI/2024/10382

Date Received: 20th December 2024

Response Due: 22nd January 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th December 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please can I have the following data regarding elective patients' conditioning for surgery, regarding the 2023-24 financial year.

- 1. On how many occasions did an elective patient at your trust not proceed with a planned date for surgery once a date had been given?**

17,525.

Clarification: Is this just patient cancellations or hospital cancellations also?

Response: All cancellations by any party for any reason

- 2. How many of these cancellations or postponements were due to the patient being deemed not fit for surgery?**

2,070.

- 3. Please sub-categorise if possible – i.e. how many were due to overweight or obesity, smoking, frailty etc.**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

- 4. How many patients did successfully proceed to surgery once a date had been given?**
43,530.

Clarification: Are these patients who have never cancelled or any patient that had been seen in 2023/24 FY whether they had a cancellation or not?

Response: All patients seen in 23/24

- 5. If it can be provided, please provide the percentage of operations/procedures that were unable to proceed due to a patient being deemed unfit.**

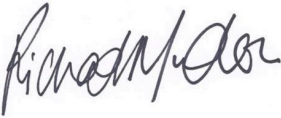
4.76%. *Calculated by unfit patients divided by all patients seen (Question 2/Question 4)

Clarification: Please can you confirm what you would like the denominator to be for this? E.g., all operations in 2023/24.

Response: All operations in 23/24.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Mundon
Deputy Chief Executive

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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