



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Response Letter

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 15.04.16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You requested:

Amended FOI request:

How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons IN THE 3 DAY BEFORE a patient was due to be admitted?

Out of those cancellations, how many were rescheduled within 1 month?

How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons ON THE DAY a patient was due to be admitted?

Out of those cancellations, how many were rescheduled within the statutory time limit – eg 28 days?

Please provide this data by month for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 - up to and including March 2016.

The following should be included in the figures for 'operations':

- All planned or elective operations and day surgery

For 'non-clinical reasons' please include a break-down of the following:

- Bed-ward not available
- Staff unavailable
- Emergency operations taking priority
- Maintenance needed on equipment
- Patient unavailable
- Admin error

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

Please note we have NOT included Patient Unavailable as this is classed as Clinical Reason in the Trust.

How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons ON THE DAY a patient was due to be admitted?	Month of Cancellation			
	Apr 13	May 13	Jun 13	Grand Total
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE	1	1		2
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	7	7	2	16

NO ITU BED AVAILABLE	1		1	2
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF	3			3
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF			1	1
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS	1	1	6	8
SURGEON NOT AVAILABLE			1	1
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY		5	4	9
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		7	2	9
XRAY MACHINE UNAVAILABLE	1	1		2
Grand Total	14	22	17	53
Rescheduled within 28 days	39	49	36	124
	Month of Cancellation			
	Jul 13	Aug 13	Sep 13	Grand Total
CANCELLED DUE TO LATE DECISION RE-BEDS			1	1
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE			1	1
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	1	1	1	3
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE		1		1
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF	1			1
NO SURGEON - HOLIDAY	1			1
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS			7	7
NO SURGICAL ASSISTANT AVAILABLE	1			1
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF			6	6
SURGEON NOT AVAILABLE	1			1
NO XRAY FACILITIES OR STAFF	1			1
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	8	7	3	18
UNPLANNED MAINTENANCE OF THEATRE	3			3
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE	2		1	3
FAULTY EQUIPMENT	8			8
Grand Total	27	9	20	56
Rescheduled within 28 days	45	26	43	114
	Month of Cancellation			
	Oct 13	Nov 13	Dec 13	Grand Total
CANCELLED DUE TO LATE DECISION RE-BEDS	1			1
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE		2	3	5
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	12	6	10	28
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE			1	1
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF			3	3
SURGEON NOT AVAILABLE	2			2
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF	1			1
NO ANAESTHETIST -SICKNESS		4		4

EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	2	8	2	12
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		2		2
X-RAYS UNAVAILABLE OR MISSING		1		1
Grand Total	18	23	19	60
Rescheduled within 28 days	49	44	30	123
	Month of Cancellation			
	Jan 14	Feb 14	Mar 14	Grand Total
CANCELLED DUE TO LATE DECISION RE-BEDS	2			2
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE	13	5	4	22
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	15	8	12	35
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE	1		1	2
SHORTAGE OF ODP - SICKNESS			1	1
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF		1		1
NO ANAESTHETIST -SICKNESS			1	1
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS			2	2
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	2	1	7	10
UNPLANNED MAINTENANCE OF THEATRE	7			7
X-RAYS UNAVAILABLE OR MISSING	1		1	2
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE	2	1	1	4
FAULTY EQUIPMENT	15			15
Grand Total	58	16	30	104
Rescheduled within 28 days	83	36	52	171

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	Month of Cancellation			
	Apr 14	May 14	Jun 14	Grand Total
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE	2			2
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE		8	5	13
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE	1			1
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF		5		5
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF		4		4
NO ANAESTHETIST -SICKNESS	2			2
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	2	5	9	16
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		1		1
FAULTY EQUIPMENT		4	9	13
Grand Total	7	27	23	57
Rescheduled within 28 days	28	55	63	146
	Month of Cancellation			

	Jul 14	Aug 14	Sep 14	Grand Total
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE	2	1		3
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	1	7	11	19
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE	1	1	1	3
NO ANAESTHETIST -STUDY LEAVE/TRAINING	1		1	2
NO SURGEON - HOLIDAY	1			1
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS			6	6
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF		1		1
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF	2		4	6
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	11	10	12	33
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE			1	1
FAULTY EQUIPMENT			3	3
Grand Total	19	20	39	78
Rescheduled within 28 days	56	37	66	159
	Month of Cancellation			
	Oct 14	Nov 14	Dec 14	Grand Total
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE	2	2	1	5
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	6	2	23	31
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE	2		1	3
NO ANAESTHETIST -STUDY LEAVE/TRAINING			1	1
NO STAFF	1			1
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS			2	2
NO SURGEON - STUDY LEAVE/TRAINING			1	1
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF	5	2		7
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF	1	3		4
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	1	2	2	5
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE	3	1		4
XRAY MACHINE UNAVAILABLE	1			1
X-RAYS UNAVAILABLE OR MISSING			1	1
Grand Total	22	12	32	66
Rescheduled within 28 days	34	31	45	110
	Month of Cancellation			
	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Grand Total
CANCELLED DUE TO LATE DECISION RE-BEDS	1			1
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE (HDU BED NEEDED)		2		2
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE		1	1	2
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE	2	3		5

NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	36	42	18	96
NO ANAESTHETIST -SICKNESS			2	2
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS		3	7	10
LACK OF RECOVERY STAFF		1		1
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY		3	1	4
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		1	1	2
Grand Total	39	56	30	125
Rescheduled within 28 days	48	67	48	163

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	Month of Cancellation			
	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Grand Total
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	20	8	12	40
NO ITU BED AVAILABLE	1			1
NO HDU BED AVAILABLE		4		4
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS	2	4		6
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF	2	2		4
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY		10	10	20
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE	1	2	2	5
FAULTY EQUIPMENT	1			1
X-RAYS UNAVAILABLE OR MISSING			1	1
Grand Total	27	30	25	82
Rescheduled within 28 days	36	40	51	127
	Month of Cancellation			
	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Grand Total
NO INPATIENTS BEDS AVAILABLE	4	10		14
BED - WARD NOT AVAILABLE		3	24	27
BEDS - LATE DECISION		1		1
BED - ITU/HDU/L1 NOT AVAILABLE			7	7
NO XRAY FACILITIES OR STAFF		1		1
NO ANAESTHETIST -SICKNESS		3		3
SCRUB STAFF - LACK OF		1		1
SURGEON - LACK OF			2	2
SURGEON UNABLE TO PERFORM PROCEDURE			2	2
SHORTAGE OF SURGERY STAFF	2			2
ANAESTHETIST - LACK OF		1	4	5
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	6	9	1	16
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		3	1	4
Grand Total	12	32	41	85
Rescheduled within 28 days	28	68	72	168
	Month of Cancellation			
	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Grand Total

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BED - WARD NOT AVAILABLE	26	36	12	74
BED - ITU/HDU/L1 NOT AVAILABLE	2	1		3
BEDS - LATE DECISION	4	3	3	10
ANAESTHETIST - LACK OF	11			11
RECOVERY STAFF - LACK OF			2	2
SURGEON - LACK OF	1			1
SURGEON UNABLE TO PERFORM PROCEDURE	1	3	1	5
SCRUB STAFF - LACK OF	1	5	2	8
XRAY - NO STAFF	1		1	2
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	4	3	2	9
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE			1	1
EQUIPMENT FAULTY	3	1		4
MAINTENANCE OF THEATRE - UNPLANNED		1		1
Grand Total	54	53	24	131
Rescheduled within 28 days	68	70	37	175
	Month of Cancellation			
	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16	Grand Total
BED - WARD NOT AVAILABLE	58	5	31	94
BED - ITU/HDU/L1 NOT AVAILABLE	4	4	1	9
BEDS - LATE DECISION	2	5	1	8
SURGEON - LACK OF	4			4
SCRUB STAFF - LACK OF	2	4		6
SURGEON UNABLE TO PERFORM PROCEDURE		2	1	3
RECOVERY STAFF - LACK OF			1	1
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY	5		4	9
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		1	1	2
Grand Total	75	21	40	136
Rescheduled within 28 days	81	25	71	177

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Please note that we only have this criteria from May 13. None of this met the criteria in April 13.

	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Grand Total
BED - WARD NOT AVAILABLE	3	2	3		2	1	6	6		23
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS			5	4		7				16
RECOVERY STAFF - LACK OF					2					2
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY		1	3		1				5	10
MAINTENANCE OF THEATRE - PLANNED				1						1
Grand Total	3	3	11	5	5	8	6	6	5	52

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Please note: no one met the criteria in March/April/May 2014

How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons IN THE 3 DAY BEFORE a patient was due to be admitted?

	Jun-2014	Aug-2014	Sep-2014	Dec-2014	Jan-2015	Feb-2015	Mar-2015	Grand Total
BED - ITU/HDU/L1 NOT AVAILABLE		1			3	2		6
BED - WARD NOT AVAILABLE	1		7	2	93	20		123
NO SURGEON - SICKNESS						4		4
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY		1	1		1		1	4
Grand Total	1	2	8	2	97	26	1	137

Out of those cancellations, how many were rescheduled within 1 month?

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How many operations have been cancelled for non-clinical reasons IN THE 3 DAY BEFORE a patient was due to be admitted?

Apr 15 - Mar 16	Apr-2015	May-2015	Jun-2015	Jul-2015	Aug-2015	Sep-2015	Oct-2015	Nov-2015	Dec-2015	Jan-2016	Feb-2016	Mar-2016	Grand Total
BED - ITU/HDU/L1 NOT AVAILABLE											1		1
BED - WARD NOT AVAILABLE	3	1	11	2	1	11	19	33	6	85	39	5	216
BEDS - LATE DECISION							1	4	4	1	5		15
ODP - LACK OF	2						1						3
SCRUB STAFF - LACK OF			1	4									5
SURGEON - LACK OF						1				3		1	5
SURGEON UNABLE TO PERFORM PROCEDURE							1						1
EMERGENCY WORK TAKING PRIORITY		8	2		7	1			5	4		1	28
EQUIPMENT NOT AVAILABLE FOR PROCEDURE		1								1			2
ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR					1	4		1	1	3	3		13
Grand Total	5	10	14	6	9	17	22	38	16	97	48	7	289

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