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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. The number of elective operations carried out by the Trust in the following financial years:

2012/13
2013/14
2014/15
2015/16
2016/17

2. The number of elective operations cancelled at the last minute* due to non-clinical reasons, in the following financial years:

2012/13
2013/14
2014/15
2015/16
2016/17

NOTE: Please use NHS England's standard definition of last minute cancellations, "*Last minute means 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: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective-operations/>

3. The number of elective operations cancelled at the last minute due to non-clinical reasons per financial year (2012/13 to 2016/17 inclusive), split into the following categories:

- Staff unavailable or sick (either anaesthetist, surgeon, theatre staff or other)
- Lack of available bed (either general or HDU, critical, or intensive care)
- Theatre list over-ran or no space on it (e.g. due to emergency case(s) coming in)
- Equipment missing / failure
- Any other reason

Refusal Notice for Questions 1,2 and 3 - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act because this information is easily accessible by some other means. Please use the links below to obtain details of operations carried out and operations cancelled.

http://www.wvl.nhs.uk/about_us/annual_report.aspx

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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