

Your request

You requested the following:

I am seeking information on the following points about elective surgeries.

1. The number of elective operations cancelled by the health board, at no fault of the patient. I would like this information for 2022-23.
 - a. Please provide a breakdown by service or speciality.
 - b. Clarify how many of the operations were cancelled for clinical reasons, as opposed to non-clinical.
 - c. Clarify how many of the operations were cancelled at 'short notice'?
 - d. Clarify how many of the cancelled operations were rescheduled within the following 28 days?

Our response

1. Our response for points 1a and 1b is provided in the table below.

Specialty	Non-Clinical	Clinical	Grand Total
Cardiology	217	74	291
Clinical Haematology	3	0	3
Dermatology	401	19	420
Ear Nose & Throat	219	36	255
Gastroenterology	1,957	188	2,145
General Medicine	10	0	10
General Surgery	1,372	413	1,785
Gynaecology	216	74	290
Maxillo-Facial	231	157	388
Obstetrics	1	0	1
Ophthalmology	752	143	895
Pain Management Service	6	0	6
Plastic Surgery	1	0	1
Radiology	6	2	8
Respiratory	0	1	1
Respiratory Physiology	17	3	20
Trauma & Orthopaedic	1,779	914	2,693
Urology	382	143	525
Vascular Surgery	52	18	70
Grand Total	7,622	2,185	9,807

Our response for point 1c is provided in the table below. Please note that 'short notice' refers to any admission which was cancelled on the day of or the day before the surgery was scheduled.

Specialty	Non-Clinical	Clinical	Grand Total
Cardiology	89	29	118
Clinical Haematology	3	0	3
Dermatology	94	4	98
Ear Nose & Throat	66	17	83
Gastroenterology	453	103	556
General Medicine	2	0	2
General Surgery	264	113	377
Gynaecology	66	23	89
Maxillo-Facial	88	57	145
Ophthalmology	228	45	273
Pain Management Service	2	0	2
Plastic Surgery	1	0	1
Radiology	3	0	3
Respiratory	0	1	1
Respiratory Physiology	7	3	10
Trauma & Orthopaedic	528	260	788
Urology	101	72	173
Vascular Surgery	22	7	29
Grand Total	2,017	734	2,751

We do not hold the information requested for 1d.