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## REQUEST

1. The number of children (under 18s) who have an operation cancelled or delayed at your Trust for non-clinical reasons, in each of the past five calendar years (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018).
2. For each of these years, please could you provide figures broken down by the reason behind the cancellation or delay, e.g. lack of staff, lack of bed capacity, or lack of equipment.
3. Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for an operation currently faced by under-18s at your Trust, e.g. 118 days, 116 days, 113 days. For each of these waits, please could you provide a summary of the surgical procedure in question, e.g. heart surgery.

## RESPONSE

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Reason for Cancellation	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ran out of theatre time – due to bed delay	0	0	0	0	0
Ran out of theatre time – late start	0	0	0	0	0
Ran out of theatre time – list overbooked	2	0	0	0	0
Ran out of theatre time – previous list overran	2	0	0	1	0
Ran out of theatre time – complications with previous patient / complex previous case	0	1	2	2	6
Ran out of theatre time – other reason	3	0	0	0	0

No / Faulty Equipment	0	0	0	0	0
No beds available	0	0	0	0	0
Medicine – patient not advised to take / stop taking medicine	0	0	0	0	0
Surgeon does not perform procedure	0	0	0	0	0
Anaesthetic decision	0	0	0	0	0
Admin error	0	0	0	0	0
Missing / Late case notes	0	0	0	0	0
Sickness – Surgeon	1	0	0	0	1
Sickness – Anaesthetist	0	0	0	0	0
Sickness – Theatre Staff	0	0	0	0	0
Urgent patient took priority	1	2	2	0	2
Communication	1	1	0	0	0
Other	2	0	0	0	1

**For exec sign-off: From the 1878 total cancelled patients between 2018 and 2022 we are unable to identify the age of 1 patient**

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RTT wait time as at Dec 2022.

Days	Specialty
620	ENT
604	Urology
603	ENT
593	ENT
589	ENT