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REQUEST

The number of people who have had 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).

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.

Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for an operation currently faced by under-18s at your Trust, e.g. 110 days, 98 days, 200 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	1	1	0	1	1
Ran out of theatre time – late start	14	32	10	20	22
Ran out of theatre time – list overbooked	7	11	1	9	13
Ran out of theatre time – previous list overran	59	16	16	42	32
Ran out of theatre time – complications with previous patient / complex previous case	78	76	44	36	103

Ran out of theatre time – other reason	31	15	8	22	13
No / Faulty Equipment	24	31	27	28	24
No beds available	17	30	7	2	4
Medicine – patient not advised to take / stop taking medicine	5	4	14	11	14
Surgeon does not perform procedure	0	3	1	5	0
Anaesthetic decision	0	1	0	1	6
Admin error	36	27	20	17	49
Missing / Late case notes	0	0	2	0	0
Sickness – Surgeon	16	21	19	10	24
Sickness – Anaesthetist	0	0	3	0	1
Sickness – Theatre Staff	0	2	1	25	38
Urgent patient took priority	53	68	27	51	78
Communication	26	14	15	15	29
Other	50	44	29	36	39

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RTT wait time as at Dec 2022.

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