

Freedom of Information Request

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***Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

Please could you provide me with your trust's loss of income as a result of the cancelled elective or non-urgent surgeries this year? I understand that there are tariffs assigned for every procedure undertaken and that cancelling an operation results in the loss of that revenue.

I would like this data on a monthly basis from January this year to the last date for which the data is held.

If you have comparative data for Jan-Dec 2017 (on the monthly basis also), I would also like this. If there is any breakdown of this data (for example, tariffs lost, cost of surgeons not working and so on), could you provide that too?

Response:

There is a potential loss of income when elective Podiatric Surgery surgeries are cancelled, either by the patient or by the service. Cost per case surgeries, if cancelled by the service, are rebooked within 28 days and so the income would still come into the Trust. Sessions cancelled at more than 7 days notice are not charged to us and clinical staff will then use the time for additional clinical work and so the cost impact is negligible. Patients who cancel their surgery and decide not to go ahead would represent a loss of potential income, although we would attempt to fill any available theatre slots with alternative patients. However, loss of income is not thought to be significant as sessions are rarely cancelled and cost per case work only forms part of our contractual activity. Therefore, this is not information that we collect so we are unable to supply figures for this.