

## Freedom of Information Request

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**Information Requested:**

To whom it may concern

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

The total number of children's operations cancelled for non-clinical reasons, broken down by the cause of the cancellation, for example due to lack of beds, operating theatre capacity, staffing issues, and equipment failures. Please provide this information for each of the past three financial years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20). In the total number of operations, broken down by cancellation reason, please include:

- Elective children's operations cancelled at the last minute. For the purposes of this request, 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.
- Cancelled urgent children's operations.

For the purposes of this FOI, Children will be defined as under 18's.

For ease, please use the table below for responses.

| Reason for Cancellation                    | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Lack of beds                               |         |         |         |
| Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran |         |         |         |
| Staffing issues                            |         |         |         |
| Equipment failures                         |         |         |         |
| Emergency case took priority               |         |         |         |
| Adverse weather                            |         |         |         |
| Booking / admin error                      |         |         |         |
| Case note unavailable                      |         |         |         |
| Other reasons                              |         |         |         |
| TOTAL                                      |         |         |         |

**Response:**

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust provides community health, mental health and learning disability services. The Trust does not provide the requested services and therefore is unable to respond to this request.

**Publication Scheme:**

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