

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. The total duration (in days or hours) for which services were closed due to maintenance or repair works.  
In order to collate this information we would have to individually access all records in the system and extract the information where it is present. We therefore consider that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing the Computer Aided Facility Management system records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

- a) Yearly for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13
  - b) The impacted site
  - c) The impacted service area (e.g. surgery, outpatient, inpatient etc.)
  - d) The total number of cancelled services due to this
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2. The total duration (in days or hours) for which services were closed due to estates and infrastructure failures (e.g. damages, equipment deficiencies).  
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**Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):**

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
  - (a) by one person, or
  - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

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