



Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.235

14 July 2023

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information which was received on 11 July 2023, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does hold the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

1. The number of elective operations cancelled by the health board, at no fault of the patient. I would like this information for 2022-23.
 - 1a. Please provide a breakdown by service or speciality.
 - 1b. Clarify how many of the operations were cancelled for clinical reasons, as opposed to non-clinical.
 - 1c. Clarify how many of the operations were cancelled at 'short notice'?
 - 1d. Clarify how many of the cancelled operations were rescheduled within the following 28 days?

Powys Response:

1. 532 elective operations were cancelled between 2022-23 by Powys Teaching Health Board at no fault of the patient.
 - 1a. Please see table below on the breakdown by service or speciality.

Specialty	Number
ENT	3
General Medicine	137
General Surgery	37

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Gynaecology	14
Ophthalmology	182
Oral Surgery	38
Orthopaedics	96
Podiatry	14
Urology	11

1b. 106 operations were cancelled due to clinical reasons.

1c. 179 operations were cancelled at 'short notice'.

1d. 175 cancelled operations were rescheduled within the following 28 days.

Please note Methodology:

- All Data from WPAS
- Cancellation reasons were grouped as per the NHS Wales Data Dictionary:

Clinical	101 - Pre-existing Medical Condition
	102 - unfit with acute illness
	103 - Procedure no longer necessary
	104 - Unsuitable for day case procedure
	105 - Other clinical
	101 - Pre-existing Medical Condition
Non-Clinical	201 - Intensive care unit / high dependency unit beds unavailable
	202 - Ward beds unavailable
	203 - Emergency Admission
	204 - List overrun
	205 - Clinical staff unavailable
	206 - Equipment unavailable
	207 - Administrative error
	208 - Other - non clinical
	209 - The hospital postponed the appointment due to COVID 19
	201 - Intensive care unit / high dependency unit beds unavailable
Patient	301 - Pre-op guidance not followed
	302 - Appointment inconvenient
	303 - Unfit for procedure
	304 - Procedure not wanted
	305 - Did not attend
	306 - Other - Patient
	307 - The patient postponed their appointment due to COVID 19
	301 - Pre-op guidance not followed

- Cancellation at 'Short Notice' Includes all cancellations on the day of operation and 1 day before
- For calculating the number rescheduled within 28 days the date the operation was cancelled was used as the start date (rather than the original operation date).

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
Glasbury House
Bronllys Hospital
Bronllys
Brecon
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Chief Executive