

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-628**

Date 9 November 2017

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. How many (a) adult cardiac, (b) thoracic and (c) congenital operations were cancelled by your Health Board (as opposed to cancelled by an individual patient) with less than 24 hours' notice between (i) 1 September 2016- 31 August 2017 (ii) 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2-16 (iii) 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015 (iv) 1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014 and (v) 1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013.**

See table below. Please note figures for cardiac operations include both adults and paediatric patients. Please also note we are unable to supply data for congenital operations as this data is not readily accessible and to cross-reference the data for the requested time period would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. **Section 12** of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

	Adult Cardiac operations	Thoracic operations
1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013	80	91
1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014	83	77
1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015	154	63
1 September 2015 - 31 August 2-16	109	56
1 September 2016- 31 August 2017	153	65

- 2. Please detail the counts for reason for cancellation for each year.**

See table below. Please note we are unable to supply data for congenital operations as this data is not readily accessible and to cross-reference the data for the requested time period would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. **Section 12** of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

	Reasons	Reasons for cancellations	
		Adult Cardiac operations	Thoracic operations
1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013	Booking Error	**	5
	List Over-ran	11	0
	Staffing issue	17	5
	Equipment Issue	**	**
	Beds Issue	78	42
	Other Patient Prioritised	32	38
1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014	Booking Error	9	**
	List Over-ran	**	0
	Staffing issue	17	**
	Beds Issue	28	28
	Other Patient Prioritised	54	46
1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015	Booking Error	5	0
	List Over-ran	13	10
	Staffing issue	57	**
	Equipment Issue	**	0
	Beds Issue	62	34
	Other Patient Prioritised	65	17
1 September 2015 - 31 August 2-16	Booking Error	5	**
	List Over-ran	7	0
	Staffing issue	19	**
	Equipment Issue	**	**
	Beds Issue	53	38
	Other Patient Prioritised	59	15
1 September 2016 - 31 August 2017	Booking Error	0	**
	List Over-ran	7	0
	Staffing issue	29	0
	Equipment Issue	**	**
	Beds Issue	75	37
	Other Patient Prioritised	79	25

3. Please detail how many and what percentage of these patients had their operation re-arranged within 28 days for each year

See table below. Please note we are unable to supply data for congenital operations as this data is not readily accessible and to cross-reference the data for the requested time period would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. **Section 12** of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

	Adult Cardiac operations		Thoracic operations	
	No.	%	No.	%
1 September 2012 – 31 August 2013	130	90.28%	87	95.60%
1 September 2013 – 31 August 2014	123	93.18%	69	89.61%
1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015	183	90.15%	61	96.83%
1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016	146	99.32%	49	87.50%
1 September 2016- 31 August 2017	190	99.48%	60	92.31%

4. Please detail how many (a) adult cardiac (b) thoracic and (c) congenital operations you completed between (i) 1 September 2016- 31 August 2017 (ii) 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2-16 (iii) 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015 (iv) 1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014 and (v) 1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013.

See table below. Please note we are unable to supply data for congenital operations as this data is not readily accessible and to cross-reference the data for the requested time period would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. **Section 12** of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

	Adult Cardiac operations	Thoracic operations
1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013	1981	1005
1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014	1997	982
1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015	1909	969
1 September 2015 - 31 August 2-16	1940	877
1 September 2016- 31 August 2017	1808	945

5. Please detail the mean and median length of stay for a) adult cardiac (b) thoracic and (c) congenital operations you completed between (i) 1 September 2016- 31 August 2017 (ii) 1 September 2015 - 31 August 2-16 (iii) 1 September 2014 - 31 August 2015 (iv) 1 September 2013 - 31 August 2014 and (v) 1 September 2012 - 31 August 2013.

See table below. Please note we are unable to supply data for congenital operations as this data is not readily accessible and to cross-reference the data for the requested time period would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. **Section 12** of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying

information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

	Adult Cardiac operations		Thoracic operations	
	Mean	Median	Mean	Median
1 September 2012 – 31 August 2013	14	9	8	4
1 September 2013 – 31 August 2014	14	9	6	4
1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015	15	10	6	4
1 September 2015 – 31 August 2016	13	9	5	3
1 September 2016- 31 August 2017	17	9	5	3

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
 University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
 Trust Headquarters
 Marlborough Street
 Bristol
 BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

██████████
 ██████████