

Request title:
Cancelled Cancer Operations

Date of Response: 26th January 2017

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

Under the terms of a freedom of information act request could I ask in the years 2015, 2016 & 2017 from January 1st until the current date could you please provide me with the total number per month of cancer operations cancelled by Hospitals under the umbrella of your Acute NHS Trust?

Reply

The Trust is unable to provide this information, as the data held only relates to the intended procedure and is not held by diagnosis. To provide the information requested would involve checking the records of over 28, 000 procedures. Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.