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Surgery Cancellations

By means of context, for the timeframe requested – ‘each month of 2020 and 2021 to date’ – some 33,000 procedures took place during this period (excluding endoscopy).

1. Please can you tell me the number of last minute elective operations cancelled for non clinical reasons at your trust or board for each month of 2020 and 2021 to date.

The table below relates to patients who had been admitted for surgery on the hospitals Theatre Management System as elective on the day of surgery and subsequently had their surgery cancelled

	Elective
Jan-20	91
Feb-20	92
Mar-20	70
Apr-20	9
May-20	28
Jun-20	29
Jul-20	53
Aug-20	37
Sep-20	50
Oct-20	56
Nov-20	32
Dec-20	28
Jan-21	<5
Feb-21	7
Mar-21	15
Apr-21	25
May-21	37
Jun-21	47
Jul-21	23
Aug-21	11
Sep-21	16

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2. Please can you tell me the number of urgent operations cancelled for non-medical reasons during each month

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The table below relates to patients who had been admitted for surgery on the hospitals Theatre Management System as expedited, immediate or urgent on the day of surgery and subsequently had their surgery cancelled

	Urgent
Jan-20	51
Feb-20	38
Mar-20	34
Apr-20	16
May-20	21
Jun-20	65
Jul-20	56
Aug-20	48
Sep-20	51
Oct-20	45
Nov-20	34
Dec-20	77
Jan-21	90
Feb-21	60
Mar-21	85
Apr-21	78
May-21	106
Jun-21	124
Jul-21	123
Aug-21	100
Sep-21	95

3. If possible, please let me know how many of the cancelled elective operations had still not been carried out 28 days later

The table below relates to patients who had an admission date recorded on the Belfast Trust Acute Hospital Patient Administration System between 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2021.

It excludes patients with procedures cancelled due to either confirmed or suspect Covid-19, Covid-19 fears, the procedure having already been completed or no longer required.

This is based on patients cancelled on the day of scheduled admission date.

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Year	Month	No of Patients admitted over 28 days from cancellation
2020	Jan	17
	Feb	<5
	Mar	38
	Apr	<5
	May	<5
	Jun	<5
	Jul	<5
	Aug	<5
	Sep	7
	Oct	<5
	Nov	<5
	Dec	10
2021	Jan	<5
	Feb	<5
	Mar	<5
	Apr	<5
	May	<5
	Jun	6
	Jul	8
	Aug	<5
	Sep	<5

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Year	Month	No of Patients admitted over 28 days from cancellation
2020	Jan	8
	Feb	<5
	Mar	30
	Apr	<5
	May	<5
	Jun	<5
	Jul	<5
	Aug	<5
	Sep	<5
	Oct	<5
	Nov	<5
	Dec	8
2021	Jan	<5
	Feb	<5
	Mar	<5
	Apr	<5
	May	<5
	Jun	<5
	Jul	8
	Aug	<5
	Sep	<5

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