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Cancelled Paediatric Surgery

The number of paediatric elective surgeries cancelled or postponed within the Trust between January 1 2020 and December 31 2023.

YEAR	Total Cancelled Paediatric Elective Surgeries
2020	401
2021	391
2022	545
2023	566

The total cost of cancelling or postponing paediatric elective surgeries within the Trust between January 1 2020 and December 31 2023

To retrieve this information would involve a manual trawl through each of these cancellations. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information. We are able to provide some of the information requested

Please note:

The figures above relate to the number of children's operations that were recorded on the Belfast Trust Patient Administration System as cancelled. These operations were cancelled due to various reasons including Industrial Action, Consultant/Nurse Unavailable, Bed Unavailable, ED Pressures etc.