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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

1. How many children's operations have been cancelled each month since 1st April 2017? Please give additional details as to what the main reasons for the cancellations were, how many were urgent operations or elective operations and what type of illness did they involve, e.g. cancer, breathing problems, broken limbs etc.

For my queries, I have enclosed a table for ease of inputting the data. I would be most grateful if you would use it.

Month	Total number of cancelled children's operations	Type of illness being treated e.g. cancer, breathing problems etc	Reasons for cancellation
Apr 17	8	Dental ENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Surgeon unavailable• Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions
May 17	10	ENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No bed on day of admission• No longer Clinically required (Clinician)• Surgeon unavailable
Jun 17	3	ENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Equipment unavailable• Cancelled on day - patient

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Jul 17	3	ENT Paediatric surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Theatre time - trauma/ emergency operation n/a
Aug 17	5	ENT Gynaecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions No longer Clinically required (Clinician)
Sep 17	13	Dental ENT Paediatric surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No bed on day of admission Equipment unavailable No Theatre time- List over run
Oct 17	5	ENT General surgery Paediatric surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions No longer Clinically required (Clinician) No Theatre time- List over run n/a
Nov 17	14	Dental ENT Paediatric surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions No bed on day of admission No longer Clinically required (Clinician)
Dec 17	3	ENT Orthopaedics Paediatric Surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions Equipment unavailable
Jan 18	8	ENT Orthopaedics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions No bed on day of admission No longer Clinically required (Clinician) No Theatre time - trauma/ emergency operation
Feb 18	11	Dental ENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions Surgeon unavailable No Theatre time - trauma/ emergency operation
Mar 18	6	Dental Paediatric surgery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions

Apr 18	4	ENT Orthopaedics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anaesthetic risk Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions No bed on day of admission Equipment unavailable
May 18	0		
Jun-18	3	ENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anaesthetic risk Cancelled on day - patient unwell consultant's instructions

2. How many children's operations have been cancelled over the past eight financial years (2010/11 through to, and including, 2017/18) and in Year to Date 2018/19? Please break the data down by financial year. Kindly note a child is anyone up to the age of 18.

Financial Year	Total number of cancelled children's operations
2010/11	Not available
2011/12	Not available
2012/13	Not available
2013/14	Not available
2014/15	Not available
2015/16	92
2016/17	85
2017/18	89
2018/19 (YTD)	7