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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 30th July 2019. Your request sought information relating to cancelled operations.

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. Therefore as this response relates to data prior to this date we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

- 1. In the last four years (2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19), how many operations were cancelled at the Health Board's request and through no fault of the patient?**
- 2. If possible, can you break these down by service or speciality?**

Please note that when considering the numbers below it is worth noting that we postpone operations and reschedule operations as soon as possible. The word 'cancel' can be taken to mean they are not carried out at all which is different to postponing and rescheduling.

Our systems will record any changes as cancellations regardless of whether or not it is actually the cancellation of a confirmed operation. Such examples would be changing the times on operating schedule, typing errors such as incorrect time entered.



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The figures will reflect changes to draft schedules, corrections etc. along with cancelled operations. These schedule changes or amendments are not appointments which are sent to patients, but internal changes ahead of an appointment being sent out to a patient. This should be taken into account when interpreting the figures.

Main Speciality	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Anaesthetics	<5	<5	0	0
Cardiology	434	426	378	430
Cardiothoracic Surgery	303	258	277	203
Clinical Oncology	144	114	110	103
Dermatology	<5	<5	<5	0
Endocrinology	0	<5	0	<5
ENT	746	695	606	679
Gastroenterology	265	297	331	388
General Medicine	46	26	12	30
General Surgery	1511	1497	1273	1170
Gynaecology	522	671	512	524
Haematology	32	65	146	172
Medicine For The Elderly	7	24	5	0
Nephrology	<5	7	7	6
Neurology	51	34	49	73
Ophthalmology	734	689	520	818
Oral/Maxillo Facial Surgery	430	297	272	248
Orthodontics	0	0	<5	0
Paediatrics	22	22	24	19
Plastic Surgery	907	834	782	722
Radiology	8	34	15	12
Rehabilitation	14	27	10	0
Restorative Dentistry	9	5	11	21
Rheumatology	<5	5	<5	<5
Thoracic Medicine	33	43	42	22
Trauma & Orthopaedic	3027	2819	2594	2277
Urology	1257	1093	1181	1159



Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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