

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-104

### Request:

For the past five calendar years (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019).

1. The number of children (under 18s) who have a surgical procedure cancelled or delayed at your Trust.
2. For each of these years, please could you provide figures broken down by the reason behind the cancellation or delay, e.g. lack of staff, lack of bed capacity, or lack of equipment.
3. Please could you provide figures on the five longest waits for a surgical procedure currently faced by under-18s at your trust, e.g. 118 days, 116 days, 113 days. For each of these waits, please could you provide a summary of the surgical procedure in question, e.g. heart surgery.

### Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

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Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of under 18s	434	368	410	659	648

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Reasons for cancellation	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Anaesthetic inappropriately booked LA/GA	0	0	0	1	0
Anaesthetic Opinion Different	0	0	2	13	10
Cancelled by Anaesthetist	5	2	0	0	0
Cancelled by Consultant	42	44	0	0	0
Cancelled by Hospital - COVID 19	0	108	109	47	0
Cancelled by Hospital - Covid Surge 2022	0	0	0	3	0
CANCELLED BY HOSPITAL STRIKE ACTION	0	0	0	0	64
Cancelled by Nurse	7	6	0	0	0
Cancelled by Patient	120	73	91	113	71
Cancelled by Patient - COVID 19	0	14	32	50	4
Cancelled by Surgeon	20	6	0	0	0
Cancelled by Waiting List offered an earlier date	13	17	9	20	56
Cath Lab Admin	0	0	0	0	2
Clinical Opinion Different	2	1	9	17	6
Consent not valid/issues with consent	1	1	0	1	1
Consultant/Surgeon working across site	0	0	0	3	2
Correct Pre-Op advice not followed by patient	0	0	2	2	3
Correct Pre-Op advice not given to the patient	1	0	1	1	1
COVID19 Swab not collected by courier	0	0	1	2	0
Emergency Op. Priority	27	12	17	56	53

Equipment Failure	2	4	2	8	11
Equipment Not Available - Company Error	0	0	0	3	0
Equipment Not Available - Procurement Error	2	0	0	1	2
Further investigation required before procedure	0	0	1	18	11
Hole in set wraps unable to proceed	0	0	0	0	1
Investigations Not Available	3	0	4	2	1
Issues with consent	0	0	0	0	2
List Over-Booked/Incorrect Time Allocated	2	4	6	14	9
No Anaesthetist	1	0	0	2	7
No Beds in Ward	6	3	3	20	10
No Consultant Cover for List	0	0	0	11	12
No Surgeon available	15	7	5	15	14
No Theatre Staff Available	6	0	10	37	8
Not Fasted	3	2	4	1	4
Not Medically Necessary	28	9	10	13	13
Notes Unavailable	2	0	0	1	1
Operation no longer required	15	12	22	9	17
Over-ran Previous Session	0	0	0	0	2
Patient Did Not Arrive	48	13	4	14	20
Patient DNA day of surgery	0	0	0	7	7
Patient DNA pre-assessment	0	0	4	9	5
Patient incorrectly booked to list	0	0	0	4	11
Patient listed for incorrect procedure	0	0	0	0	1
Patient no longer wants operation	0	0	1	8	13
Patient not compliant with COVID 19 testing	0	0	1	3	0
Patient not complied with COVID-19 Isolation	0	0	1	0	0
Patient Not Fit	39	16	20	40	53
Patient Not Ready on Time	0	0	0	0	1
Patient requests different hospital site	0	0	0	1	1
Patient requires different procedure after review	0	0	0	2	3
Patient requires review with consultant	0	0	1	7	8
Patient Unwell	17	6	23	41	62
Patient wants different date	0	0	3	29	27
Pre-op Testing Incomplete	6	6	10	5	3
Previous Patient took longer than expected	1	1	1	0	4
SITE PRESSURES	0	0	0	0	23
Speciality Rota Change	0	0	0	4	1
Surgeon Not Ready on Time	0	0	1	0	0
Surgeon Sick	0	0	0	0	5
Theatre Team Not Ready on Time	0	1	0	0	1
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Current Wait (days)	Surgical Procedure 1	Surgical Procedure 2
700	Excision of preauricular abnormality	N/A
685	Total adenoidectomy	N/A
656	Excision of lesion of soft tissue NEC	N/A
643	Tympanoplasty NEC	N/A
634	Diagnostic endoscopic examination of nasopharynx NEC	Total adenoidectomy

**(DATE OF INFORMATION AS AT: 15 FEBRUARY 2024)**