

Cancelled Planned Operations

Month ending 31 December 2016

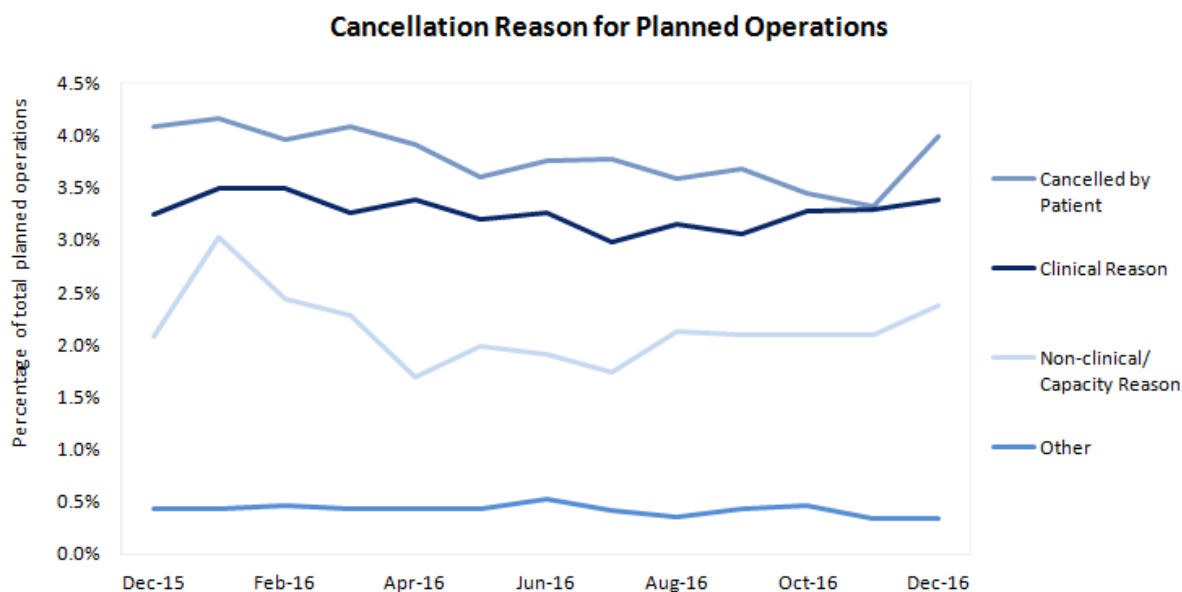
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About this release

This release by the Information Services Division provides information on the number of patients in NHSScotland who have had their planned hospital operation cancelled along with the reason for this cancellation.

Main points

- The total number of planned operations across NHSScotland during December 2016 was 27,153 a decrease of 8.6% from 29,706 during December 2015.
- 2,738 operations (10.1% of planned operations) were cancelled either by the hospital or by the patient, ranging from 5.2% to 19.0% across individual NHS Boards. This compares to 2,921 (9.8%) in December 2015.
- Of all planned operations: 1,084 (4.0%) were cancelled by the patient; 920 (3.4%) were cancelled based on clinical reasons by the hospital; 644 (2.4%) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or non-clinical reasons; 90 (0.3%) were cancelled due to other reasons.



Background

These statistics are released monthly. Data are provided by NHS Boards' theatre systems and include patients who are cancelled the day before, or on the day of their planned operation.

Data for this publication are submitted from the NHS Boards information systems used to plan and book operations.

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A [workbook](#) containing data for Scotland, NHS Boards and hospitals is available.

Further information can be found on the [waiting times](#) pages of the ISD website. A [metadata document](#) has been produced for this publication.

The next release of this publication will be on 7 March 2017.

NHS Performs

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