

Publication Summary



NHS Cancelled Planned Procedures

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About this Release

At the request of Scotland's Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing, the Information Services Division are publishing the number of patients in NHSScotland who have had their scheduled hospital operation cancelled and the reason for cancellation.

This first release provides a summary of the number of NHSScotland operations which took place in May 2015, the total number of cancellations and a breakdown of the reasons for those cancellations by Scotland, NHS Board and hospital.

Key Points

- The total number of scheduled (planned) operations across NHSScotland during the month ending 31 May 2015 was 28,769*;
- Of these, 2,643 (9.2%) of admissions for an operation were cancelled either by the hospital or by the patient;
- 479 (1.7% of all operations performed) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or non-clinical reasons.

*This refreshed publication includes the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde information, which due to unforeseen technical difficulties, had been unavailable at the time of the original publication release.

Background

This is the first official statistics release of the 'NHS Cancelled Planned Procedures' report. These statistics will be released monthly. As the data builds over time the Information Services Division will be able to report on trends in cancellations.

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

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Further Information

A workbook containing data for Scotland, NHS Board and hospital is available [here](#).

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

This information is also available through the [NHS Performs](#) website.

The next release of this data will be on 28 July 2015.

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