

Publication Summary



Cancelled Planned Operations

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About this Release

This release by Information Services Division provides at a Scotland, NHS board and individual hospital level, the number of patients in NHSScotland who have had their planned hospital operation cancelled and the reason for this cancellation.

Key Points

- The total number of planned operations across NHSScotland during August 2015 was 28,902. Of these, 2,576 (8.9%) operations were cancelled either by the hospital or by the patient, with individual NHS boards ranging from 6% to 15%. This compares with a cancellation rate of 9.1% in July;
- Of all planned operations, 893 (3.1%) were cancelled based on clinical reasons by the hospital, 448 (1.6%) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or other non-clinical reasons and 1,058 (3.7%) were cancelled by the patient.

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 elective operation. As the data builds over time 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.

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