

Cancelled Planned Operations

Month ending 31 May 2016

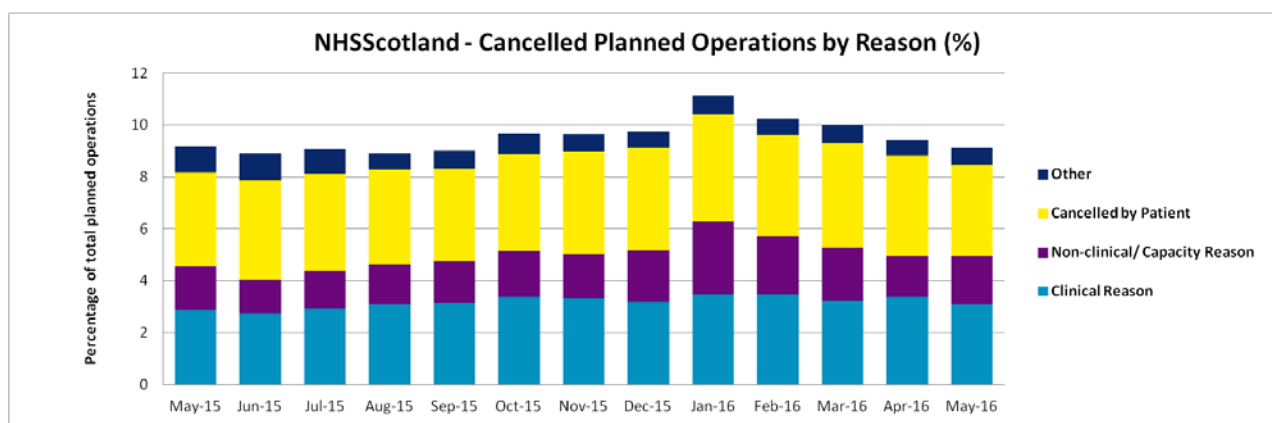
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About this release

This release by 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 May 2016 was 31,213. Of these, 2,845 (9.1%) operations were cancelled either by the hospital or by the patient, with individual NHS Boards ranging from 3.9% to 13.1%. This is a similar level to the previous month.
- Of all planned operations, 1,097 (3.5%) were cancelled by the patient, 967 (3.1%) were cancelled based on clinical reasons by the hospital, 578 (1.9%) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or non-clinical reasons and 203 (0.7%) were due to other reasons.
- The percentage of total planned operations that were cancelled has remained relatively stable over the period May 2015 to May 2016. Starting off from 9.2% in May 2015 it peaked in January 2016 at 11.1% before dropping to 9.1% in May 2016. This fluctuation is primarily due to non-clinical or capacity reasons as can be seen in the chart below.



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.

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 website. A [metadata document](#) has been produced for this publication.

The next release of this data will be on 2 August 2016.

NHS Performs

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