Cancelled Planned Operations

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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 July 2017 was 25,188, a decrease of 3.2% from 26,018 during July 2016.

● 2,075 operations (8.2% of planned operations) were cancelled in July 2017, ranging from 5.2% to 10.4% except for NHS Western Isles who were 25.4% (20 operations) due to problems with equipment. This compares to 2,318 (8.9%) in July 2016.

● Of all planned operations: 849 (3.4%) were cancelled by the patient; 775 (3.1%) were cancelled by the hospital based on clinical reasons; 404 (1.6%) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or non-clinical reasons; 46 (0.2%) 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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Find out more

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 03 October 2017.

NHS Performs

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