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 and the reason for this cancellation.

Main points

- The total number of planned operations across NHSScotland during September 2017 was 27,840, a decrease of 5.9% from 29,574 during September 2016.

- 2,562 operations (9.2% of planned operations) were cancelled in September 2017 compared to 2,742 (9.3%) in September 2016. Cancellation rates for NHS Boards ranged from 5.6% to 11.5% with the exception of NHS Western Isles where a sterilisation unit equipment failure resulted in fewer planned operations and a cancellation rate of 23.5%.

- Of all planned operations: 943 (3.4%) were cancelled by the patient; 970 (3.5%) were cancelled by the hospital based on clinical reasons; 560 (2.0%) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or non-clinical reasons; 89 (0.3%) were cancelled due to other reasons.
Background

These statistics are released monthly. Data provided 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 theatre 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 05 December 2017.

NHS Performs

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