Cancelled Planned Operations

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About this release

This release by the Information Services Division (ISD) 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 February 2018 was 26,383, a decrease of 4.0% from 27,475 during February 2017.
- 2,712 operations (10.3% of planned operations) were cancelled in February 2018, ranging from 5.7% to 21.0% across individual NHS Boards. This compares to 2,544 (9.3%) in February 2017.
- Of all planned operations: 979 (3.7%) were cancelled by the patient; 823 (3.1%) were cancelled by the hospital based on clinical reasons; 711 (2.7%) were cancelled by the hospital due to capacity or non-clinical reasons; 193 (0.7%) were cancelled due to other reasons.

- An increase in ‘Other’ reasons for cancelled operations is due to poor weather impacting patient/staff travel at the end of February. In addition, NHS Highland cancelled operations for non-clinical/capacity reasons due to continued building works.
**Background**

These statistics are released monthly. Data include patients who are cancelled the day before, or on the day of their planned operation.

Data for this publication are submitted from NHS Board theatre systems.

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**Further Information**

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 in May 2018.

**NHS Performs**

A selection of information from this publication is included in [NHS Performs](#). NHS Performs is a website that brings together a range of information on how hospitals and NHS Boards within NHSScotland are performing.