

24 October 2018

Dear [REDACTED]

Official information request W18-254

I refer to your official information request dated 13 September 2018 that as transferred to us from the Ministry of Health on the 28 September 2018.

Request:

- Does the Ministry of Health or another agency controlled by the Ministry, collect data on public hospital surgery cancellation rates in the year ended 30 June 2018
- If so, what does that data reveal about cancellation rates by DHB

Response:

The information you have requested as below.

The cancelled on day of surgery rate for the last financial year ending 30 June 2018 was 4.6%. This equates to 200 cases for the whole year.

This data excludes procedures which are done under sedation such as Endoscopy and is only for those publicly funded patients that were cancelled on the day of surgery, not transferred on or before the day or transferred or cancelled prior to the day of surgery.

Using cancellation code extracts from our theatre data, the top five reasons given were

1. Other
2. Cancelled for Acute Case
3. No Beds Available
4. Patient Unfit for Surgery
5. Cancelled by Surgeon

These five categories represent approximately 75% of all cancellations on the day of Surgery.

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If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing line, positioned above the name and title of the signatory.

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Chief Executive

