

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

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Category of information requested	H & SC Delivery – Patient / Clinical Management			

Question/s to be answered

I am looking for information regarding the number of cancelled operations due to due to equipment shortages, due to equipment failures, shortages of sterile instruments or a lack of specialist equipment.

As such, can I request the following for the following financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 2021/22, 2022/23, with a breakdown by hospital:

1. The number of operations cancelled due to equipment shortages?
2. The number of operations cancelled due to equipment failures?
3. The number of operations cancelled due to a shortage of sterile instruments?
4. The number of operations cancelled due to a lack of specialist equipment?

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information requested as the theatre system does not store the level of detail requested on cancellations due to equipment issues, just that equipment was not available:

Cancel Reason	Cancel Year		Total
	2019-20	2020-21	
Management cancelled-Equip not available	26	2	28