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The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

NHS cancelled elective operations, quarter ending 31 March 2015

The key points from the latest release are:

- During the quarter ending 31 March 2015, 20,464 operations were cancelled at the last minute for non-clinical reasons by NHS providers. In the same period in 2013/14, there were 17,868 cancelled operations.
- Cancelled operations during the quarter represented 1.1% of all elective activity, compared to 0.9% in the same period in 2013/14.
- Of these cancellations 1,787 (8.7%) of patients were not treated within 28 days of a cancellation. In the same period in 2013/14, 845 (4.7%) of patients were not treated within 28 days.

In line with our revisions policy, we have published revisions to the quarters ending 30 June 2014, 30 September 2014 and 31 December 2014.

Full tables are available here:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/cancelled-elective-operations/cancelled-ops-data/>

Additional Information

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