



The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

### **NHS cancelled elective operations, quarter ending 31st March 2016**

The key points from the latest release are:

- During the quarter ending 31st March 2016, 23,180 operations were cancelled at the last minute for non-clinical reasons by NHS providers. In the same period in 2014/15, there were 20,464 cancelled operations.
- Cancelled operations during the quarter represented 1.2% of all elective activity, which is an increase to the corresponding percentage in the same period in 2014/15.
- Of these cancellations 1,849 (8.0%) of patients were not treated within 28 days of a cancellation. In the same period in 2014/15, 1,787 (8.7%) of patients were not treated within 28 days.

We have published revisions to the quarter ending 31st December 2015.

Full tables are available here:

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

### **Additional Information**

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