



The following statistics were released today by NHS England:

NHS cancelled elective operations, quarter ending 31st March 2017

The key points from the latest release are:

- During the quarter ending 31st March 2017, 21,219 operations were cancelled at the last minute for non-clinical reasons by NHS providers. In the same period in 2015/16, there were 23,352 cancelled operations.
- Cancelled operations during the quarter represented 1.1% of all elective activity, which is a decrease compared to the corresponding percentage in the same period in 2015/16.
- Of these cancellations 1,668 (7.9%) of patients were not treated within 28 days of a cancellation. In the same period in 2015/16, 1,864 (8.0%) of patients were not treated within 28 days.

In line with our revisions policy, we have published revisions to Q2 2016/17 and Q3 2016/17.

Full tables are available here:

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

Additional Information

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