

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.095
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Thank you for your email received 7 July 2022, for which clarification was received 14 July 2022, requesting information regarding elective invasive procedures.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

Question 1

How many booked elective invasive procedures (this includes but is not limited to procedures being performed in operating theatres, interventional radiology or other radiology suites, cardiac catheter labs, endoscopy and any other site not mentioned involving an invasive procedure, whether under local anaesthetic, general anaesthetic, spinal or epidural anaesthetic, peripheral nerve block, or sedation) did your trust cancel in the calendar years:

- a. 2017
- b. 2018
- c. 2019
- d. 2020
- e. 2021

For podiatry services in 2020 there were 7 cancellations from June-2020 and in 2021 there were none. We have recently started using a new system for recording information and unfortunately we are not able to extract data for this part of your request from the previous system used; therefore we are not able to provide information for parts a, b and c.

For Dental Services between 20 March 2020 to 15 January 2021, 79 patients who were scheduled to receive treatment under general anaesthetic had their appointments cancelled due to the Acute Trust (*not KCHFT*) ceasing all provision of theatre session for Dental GA as a result of the COVID pandemic.

Question 2

How many booked elective invasive procedures (this includes but is not limited to procedures being performed in operating theatres, interventional radiology or other radiology suites, cardiac catheter labs, endoscopy and any other site not mentioned involving an invasive procedure, whether under local anaesthetic, general anaesthetic, spinal or epidural anaesthetic, peripheral nerve block, or sedation) did your trust cancel at the date of this request in this calendar year?

Podiatry 21

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The Trust has not cancelled any appointments for patients to receive dental treatment under general anaesthetic because even if we have a dentist who is unexpectedly absent from work, we have sufficient numbers of dentists trained in this provision to always cover the general anaesthetic session. The only general anaesthetic appointments that would have been cancelled in any of the years spanning those stated in this request, is only where the Acute provider has cancelled our access to their theatre, either due to no anaesthetist, lack of paediatric nurses or COVID.