

## Cancelled Elective Procedures

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

### **Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response**

#### **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

**We are unable to provide the information requested in questions 1, a,b,c and d – this information not formally collected nor validated data by the Trust. The Freedom of Information Act does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. It does not place a duty upon public authorities to answer a question unless recorded information exists. The Freedom of Information Act does duty is to only provide the recorded information held.**

- e. 2021 - **There were 4,152 elective invasive procedure cancellations for the calendar year 2021.**

#### **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?

**There were 24 elective invasive procedure cancellations at the date of this request in this calendar year.**