

Question on Notice

No. 103

Asked on 20 February 2025

MR C WHITING ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON T NICHOLLS)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the number of elective surgeries cancelled by either patient or Queensland Health, at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital from October 2024 to January 2025 (in table format, reported separately by month, specialty and category)?

ANSWER

I am advised that cancellations can occur for a multitude of reasons, including: the case being brought forward; patient no longer requires treatment; patient treated elsewhere; a priority emergency or elective case; staffing shortages; availability of beds; and more.

Day of surgery cancellations is the official measure and provide the most meaningful reflection of performance with respect to elective surgery cancellations.

I am advised that the most recently available data is for the period of October 2024 to December 2024.

Patient-initiated and Hospital-initiated Day of Surgery cancellations for the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital from October 2024 to December 2024 are reported as per below. The Urgency Category of day of surgery cancellations at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital is not available for reporting. The values reported in the tables are for categories 1 to 6 planned surgeries and procedures undertaken in theatres.

To avoid identifying individuals, data is aggregated and counts of less than five are not reported.

Table 1: Day of Surgery cancellations by Month and Specialty

Day of Surgery Cancellations Oct 16, Day of Surgery Cancellations Nov 21, Day of Surgery Cancellations Dec 13. Day of Surgery cancellations by Ear Nose and Throat surgery <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by General surgery 5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Gynaecology 5, Day of Surgery cancellations by Medical other <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Neurosurgery <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Ophthalmology <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Orthopaedic surgery 10, Day of Surgery cancellations by Plastic and Reconstructive surgery 11; Day of Surgery cancellations by Urology <5, Day of Surgery cancellations by Vascular surgery 6.
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