

Question on Notice

No. 224

Asked on 14 March 2025

HON M BAILEY 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 Gold Coast University Hospital from October 2024 to February 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.

Cancellations can occur as part of the routine changes to scheduling sometimes occurring well in advance of the day of surgery. Therefore, day of surgery cancellations is the most meaningful measure to reflect elective surgery performance.

I am advised that the most recently available data is for the period of January 2025.

Patient-initiated and Hospital-initiated day of surgery cancellations for the Gold Coast University Hospital from October 2024 to January 2025 are reported as per below.

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

Table 1: Day of Surgery cancellations by Month, Specialty and Category

Day of Surgery Cancellations Oct 44, Day of Surgery Cancellations Nov 40, Day of Surgery Cancellations Dec 52, Day of Surgery Cancellations Jan 46. Day of Surgery cancellations by Cardiothoracic surgery 17; Day of Surgery cancellations by Ear Nose and Throat surgery 19; Day of Surgery cancellations by General surgery 27; Day of Surgery cancellations by Gynaecology 10; Day of Surgery cancellations by Neurosurgery 18; Day of Surgery cancellations by Ophthalmology 17; Day of Surgery cancellations by Orthopaedic surgery 17; Day of Surgery cancellations by Paediatric surgery <5; Day of Surgery cancellations by Plastic and Reconstructive surgery 19; Day of Surgery cancellations by Urology 13; Day of Surgery cancellations by Vascular surgery 18. Day of Surgery cancellations by not specified 6. Day of Surgery Cancellations for October 2024 – January 2025 by Category 1 (admission within 30 days), 85; Category 2 (admission within 90 days), 74; Category 3 (admission within 365 days), 23.

Source: System Performance Reporting, Data sourced **20 March 2025**, Data subject to change.