

16 May 2017

**Our Ref:** RFI 20195

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Cancelled Operations Since January 2015 etc**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 19 April 2017.

A response to Questions 1, 4 and 7 has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

I am currently clarifying the position with regard to the remaining Questions 2, 3, 5 and 6 and will be in contact with you in due course.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**L McAree (Miss)  
Head of Information Governance &  
Directorate Support**

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1) *The number of cancelled operations each month since January 2015.*

A1. Please see response provided in Table 1 attached.

4) *The number of operations cancelled each month since January 2015 because of a lack of post operative bed.*

A4. The number of cancelled operations since Jan 2015 – March 2017 due to lack of post operative bed as provided in Table 1 below:

**Table 2**

	<b>Cancelled Operations</b>
Ward Beds	98
Intensive Care Unit/High Dependency Unit Beds	22

7) *The number of cancelled operations each month since January 2015, broken down by reason for cancellation.*

A7. Please see response provided in Table 3 attached.