

***Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000***

Thank you for your request for information which we received on February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

**Can I please make a Freedom of Information for details of disruption to operating theatres caused by issues and/or failures with the physical environment. This may include - but is not limited to - flooding, room temperature, inadequate ventilation, loss of power, mould, ceiling collapse and water supply.**

**Can I please request a copy of:**

**Details of all incidents related to the physical environment or building that caused downtime in operating theatres since 2021 to date.**

**For each, can you please share: overview of issue with physical environment that caused downtime, length of downtime in hours, number of cancelled operations as a result, department affected and year of incident.**

Our Estates records confirm the following:

**2022**

15<sup>th</sup> August – 19<sup>th</sup> August - Theatre 2 HEPA filter damaged and required replacement, the knock-on effect was up to 10 elective surgical procedures require rescheduling.

**2021**

8<sup>th</sup> July – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021 - Theatre 2 failed its annual air handling verification which resulted in remedial work on the plant, this took a total of 4 weeks to resolve. This resulted in approximately 26 rescheduled elective surgery operations.

There are no other clinical service incidents recorded for that period due to estates infrastructure failures.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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