

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

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 10 August 2020.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

### **I would like to know how many cancer operations have been cancelled by your NHS Trust since March 1st 2020.**

The Trust is unable to answer this FOI request due to the following reasons;

1. The data collected for cancelled operations does not hold the information regarding cancer (if the cancelled operation was cancer related or not).
2. The cancelled operations data can only be linked to cancer data using MRN, but we will not be able to identify that the cancelled operation is cancer related unless we go through each individual patient notes which is exempt under Section 40 – Personal Information.
  - Example: A breast cancer patient may have a cancelled cataract operation (which is not related to the relevant cancer)

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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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