

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 09 December 2022.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1) The total duration (in days or hours) for which services were closed due to maintenance or repair works.

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

- a) Yearly for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13**
- b) The impacted site**
- c) The impacted service area (e.g. surgery, outpatient, inpatient etc.)**
- d) The total number of cancelled services due to this**

We have no records of planned maintenance or reactive maintenance work causing any services to be cancelled.

2) The total duration (in days or hours) for which services were closed due to estates and infrastructure failures (e.g. damages, equipment deficiencies).

Please can you provide the data with the following breakdowns:

- a) Yearly for the financial years 2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, 2019-20, 2018-19, 2017-18, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15, 2013-14, 2012-13**
- b) The impacted site**
- c) The impacted service area (e.g. surgery, outpatient, inpatient etc.)**
- d) The total number of cancelled services due to this**

Records have been kept since April 2020 of any plant or infrastructure failures where services are cancelled or rescheduled

2022

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

2021

8th July – 28th 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.

2020

11th July - 13th July 2020 – Theatre 12 failed its annual UCV verification and needed some adjustment and re-verification this took two days, due to Covid and a reduction in elective surgery, no patient impact occurred.

10th August 2020 - Very high ambient temperatures in the summer caused 1 cancellation in an orthopaedic theatre (surgery) as the temperature inside the theatre was 24.6 degrees. This was cancelled for the safety of staff and the operation rescheduled. The design criteria for the chiller systems is to cope with an ambient temperature of 28 degrees however the temperature rose to 34

degrees externally which was beyond the operating parameters of the equipment, so not specifically a failure but plant unable to function beyond design limit.

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Yours sincerely,

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

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