

## Right to Information Decision – Public Disclosure Log

### Right to Information No.: RTI201516-125

#### Information Requested

**1 How many patients died on the waiting list in 2015-16?**

There were 195 patients removed from the elective surgery waiting list for the reason of “deceased”.

**2 How many surgeries were put on hold in each quarter of 2015-16 and why?**

Please see next page.

The tables below show numbers of postponements by reason for both hospital-initiated postponements and patient-initiated postponements. Noting that additional reasons for Hospital Initiated Postponements (in addition to those requested on the RTI) are provided for completeness and consistency with statistics already reported in the Health Systems Dashboard.

### Hospital Initiated Postponements

|                      |                                     |                                     | qtr1       | qtr2       | qtr3       | qtr4       |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Pre Admission</b> | <b>Over-riding Emergency</b>        | Over-Riding Emergency               | 153        | 93         | 104        | 87         |
|                      | <b>Not Enough Theatres or Staff</b> | Surgeon - Unavailable               | 78         | 38         | 73         | 50         |
|                      |                                     | Surgeon Postponed                   | 51         | 42         | 49         | 84         |
|                      |                                     | Theatre - Equipment Unavailable     | 6          | 13         | 9          | 14         |
|                      |                                     | Theatre - List Overbooked           | 6          | 7          | 16         | 8          |
|                      |                                     | Theatre - Ran out of operation time | 4          | 0          | 1          | 3          |
|                      |                                     | Theatre Staff Unavailable           | 3          | 9          | 12         | 12         |
|                      |                                     | Anaesthetist - Unavailable          | 31         | 4          | 6          | 20         |
|                      |                                     | <b>SubTotal</b>                     | <b>332</b> | <b>206</b> | <b>270</b> | <b>278</b> |
|                      |                                     | Administration                      | 14         | 15         | 7          | 13         |
|                      |                                     | Incomplete Patient Preparation      | 20         | 18         | 18         | 12         |
|                      |                                     | More Urgent Elective Case           | 164        | 185        | 143        | 158        |
|                      |                                     | No app. Beds                        | 4          | 0          | 1          | 4          |
|                      |                                     | No beds                             | 37         | 20         | 34         | 8          |
|                      |                                     | No ICU Beds                         | 6          | 3          | 1          | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>577</b>                          | <b>447</b>                          | <b>474</b> | <b>474</b> |            |            |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Post Admission</b> | <b>Over-riding Emergency</b>        | Over-Riding Emergency               | 49         | 42         | 42         | 29         |
|                       | <b>Not Enough Theatres or Staff</b> | Surgeon - Unavailable               | 7          | 5          | 6          | 7          |
|                       |                                     | Surgeon Postponed                   | 8          | 12         | 13         | 15         |
|                       |                                     | Theatre - Equipment Unavailable     | 1          | 4          | 2          | 4          |
|                       |                                     | Theatre - List Overbooked           | 2          | 0          | 6          | 0          |
|                       |                                     | Theatre - Ran out of operation time | 73         | 61         | 51         | 51         |
|                       |                                     | Theatre Staff Unavailable           | 0          | 6          | 0          | 5          |
|                       |                                     | Anaesthetist - Unavailable          | 1          | 0          | 1          | 3          |
|                       |                                     | <b>SubTotal</b>                     | <b>141</b> | <b>130</b> | <b>121</b> | <b>114</b> |
|                       |                                     | Administration                      | 0          | 3          | 3          | 2          |
|                       |                                     | Incomplete Patient Preparation      | 6          | 7          | 9          | 3          |
|                       |                                     | More Urgent Elective Case           | 8          | 7          | 10         | 1          |
|                       |                                     | No app. Beds                        | 1          | 1          | 1          | 1          |
|                       |                                     | No beds                             | 15         | 6          | 21         | 6          |
|                       |                                     | No ICU Beds                         | 4          | 4          | 6          | 1          |
| Standby               |                                     | 0                                   | 0          | 1          | 1          |            |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>175</b>                          | <b>157</b>                          | <b>172</b> | <b>129</b> |            |            |
| <b>Grand Total</b>    |                                     | <b>752</b>                          | <b>604</b> | <b>646</b> | <b>603</b> |            |

## Patient Initiated Postponements

|         |                |                             | Qtr 1      | Qtr 2      | Qtr 3      | Qtr 4      |
|---------|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Patient | Pre Admission  | Operation Not Required      | 61         | 59         | 48         | 83         |
|         |                | Patient - Convenience       | 194        | 167        | 201        | 208        |
|         |                | Patient - Medical Condition | 281        | 189        | 234        | 281        |
|         |                | Patient non-compliant       | 12         | 14         | 18         | 8          |
|         |                | <b>Total</b>                | <b>548</b> | <b>429</b> | <b>501</b> | <b>580</b> |
|         | Post Admission | Operation Not Required      | 13         | 18         | 10         | 29         |
|         |                | Patient - Convenience       | 3          | 6          | 7          | 5          |
|         |                | Patient - Medical Condition | 70         | 55         | 46         | 63         |
|         |                | Patient Admitted - Died     | 4          | 1          | 5          | 2          |
|         |                | Patient non-compliant       | 5          | 10         | 4          | 5          |
|         |                | <b>Total</b>                | <b>95</b>  | <b>90</b>  | <b>72</b>  | <b>104</b> |
|         | <b>Total</b>   |                             | <b>643</b> | <b>519</b> | <b>573</b> | <b>684</b> |