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REQUEST

1. The number of operations cancelled at your Trust due to low levels of staffing on days where no industrial action was taking place in the calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
2. The number of times your Trust had to issue an alert over dangerously low staffing levels on days where no industrial action was taking place in the calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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St Helens and Knowsley:

Years	Cancelled on the Day (Total)
2019	67
2020	52
2021	71
2022	98
2023	57
Total	345

Southport and Ormskirk:

Year	Operations Cancelled due to Staff Shortage
2019	3
2020	17
2021	16
2022	47
2023	59
Grand Total	142

2. The number of times your Trust had to issue an alert over dangerously low staffing levels on days where no industrial action was taking place in the calendar years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Nil