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REQUEST

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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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Southport and Ormskirk response

Reportable cancelled operations for Financial years 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022, 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 & 01/04/2023 – 31/03/2024.

Cancellation Reason	No. Cancellations		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Lack of beds	40	44	49
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	61	52	35
Staffing issues	30	58	19
Equipment failures	0	0	0
Emergency case took priority	24	11	10
Adverse weather	0	0	0
Booking / admin error	1	3	0
Case note unavailable	0	0	0
Other reasons	68	84	69

St. Helens and Knowsley response

Reportable cancelled operations for 2021/2022, 2022/2023, 2023/2024

Cancellation Reason	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Lack of beds	4	7	20
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	102	155	181
Staffing issues	65	44	64
Equipment failures	32	23	50
Emergency case took priority	67	79	108
Adverse weather	0	0	0
Booking / admin error	16	51	52
Case note unavailable	0	0	0
Other reasons	117	115	136

Please note Anaesthetic decision, Communication, Patient not advised to take/stop taking medicine, Ran out of Theatre time - other reasons & Surgeon does not perform procedure have been attributed to 'Other'.