

Reference:	FOI.19187.25
Subject:	Cancelled Urology appointments
Date of Request:	23 December 2025

Requested:

I am submitting a Freedom of Information Request regarding the cancellation of Urology Appointments for the period of December 2024 to December 2025.

I would ask for a breakdown in terms of the cancellation of procedures.

I would also ask how many consultant led appointments have been cancelled for the same period of time.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the tables below and overleaf a breakdown of cancelled Urology outpatient appointments by reason and Theatre appointments by procedure, as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) during the period 1 December 2024 to 30 November 2025.

Please note:- all procedures are classed as Consultant led.

Outpatient appointments			
Total cancelled	Could Not Attend	Passed away prior to appointment	Hospital cancellation
9,513	2,746	223	6,544

Theatre appointments	Number cancelled
Procedure	
Unspecified (diagnostic endoscopic examination of bladder)	1,132
Other specified (other operations on unspecified organ)	1,242
Bilateral vasectomy (excision of vas deferens)	33
Other specified (operations on bladder)	9
Unspecified (operations on hydrocele sac)	*
Removal of urethral catheter from bladder (urethral catheterisation of bladder)	27
Urodynamic studies using catheter (urethral catheterisation of bladder)	23
Rectal needle biopsy of prostate (other operations on outlet of male bladder)	24
Circumcision (operations on prepuce)	6
Unspecified (other operations on unspecified organ)	56
Change of urethral catheter into bladder (urethral catheterisation of bladder)	*
Unspecified (other operations on urinary tract)	*
Other specified (artificial support for body system)	5
Cystostomy and insertion of suprapubic tube into bladder (open drainage of bladder)	*
Other specified (diagnostic endoscopic examination of bladder)	5
Unspecified (diagnostic endoscopic examination of ureter)	*
Other specified (operations on epididymis)	*
Endoscopic dilation of ureter (other therapeutic endoscopic operations on ureter)	*
Perineal needle biopsy of prostate (other operations on outlet of male bladder)	*
Nephroscopic ureteroscopy (diagnostic endoscopic examination of ureter)	*

Excision of lesion of epididymis (operations on epididymis)	*
Total	2,578

Where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.