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Gerry, a chara

I refer to your written Assembly Question (AQW 2372/16-21) in which you asked me to detail the number of cancelled operations in each Health and Social Care Trust, broken down by hospital.

The original response provided details on the total number of elective operations cancelled for both non-clinical and other reasons from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. However, the title of the table was incorrect as it indicated that the data related to a 15 month period (January 2015 to March 2016) rather than the 12 month period between April 2015 and March 2016.

I wish to advise you of an amendment to the original reply to correct this error. The revised response is attached at **Appendix 1**.

I trust this information is helpful, and I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. I have copied this letter to the Assembly Library Services for their information.

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## Appendix 1

Information collected on the total number of elective operations cancelled for both non-clinical and other reasons from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 has been provided in the table below.

Non-clinical reasons for cancellation include: list over-run; emergencies/trauma; equipment failure/unavailable, etc. Other reasons include patient cancellation, and patient clinically unsuitable to undergo procedure, though these lists are not exhaustive.

Elective operations cancelled\* for non-clinical and other reasons by HSC Trust and Hospital: April 2015 to March 2016

HSC Trust	Hospital	Operations Cancelled for non-clinical reasons	Operations Cancelled for other reasons
Belfast	Belfast City	894	1,412
	Mater	246	445
	Musgrave Park	310	1,025
	Royal Group	1,561	1,693
Northern	Antrim	401	755
	Causeway	385	636
	Mid Ulster	100	467
	Whiteabbey	100	427
South Eastern	Ulster	281	840
	Ards	34	651
	Lagan Valley	65	786
	Downe	33	617
Southern	Craigavon	306	533
	Daisy Hill	110	331
	South Tyrone	91	490
Western	Altnagelvin	506	1,489
	South West Acute	157	377
	Tyrone County	0	1,163

Source: P9 Cancelled Operations Return

\* Includes only elective operations which were cancelled on the day of, or up to two days prior to the planned operation.