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**WRITTEN QUESTION  
FOR ANSWER BY THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Mon):** How many cancelled operations have there been across each health board in Wales since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020? (WQ83050)

**Eluned Morgan:** Table 1 in the annex shows the number of operations that have been postponed by health board by month since March 2020. They have been split as hospital clinical, hospital non-clinical and patient postponements.

The large increase in March 2020 was due to the fact a directive was issued to postpone all non-urgent elective activity from the middle of March 2020 to allow health boards to prepare for dealing with the expected increase in work associated with the pandemic. From April 2020, health boards were initially only scheduling urgent and cancer activity.

Table 2 shows the number of elective admissions by health board. Whilst the number of admissions have increased, it is still below pre-pandemic levels due to the additional IPC measures and social distancing requirements that are in place.

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## Annex

Table 1: Number of operations postponed

		Mar-2020	Apr-2020	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020	Aug-2020	Sep-2020	Oct-2020	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021	Feb-2021	Mar-2021	Apr-2020	May-2020
Aneurin Bevan	Clinical	26	7	12	19	22	20	30	34	38	46	43	47	44	65	60
	NonClinical	3,887	453	52	104	119	128	246	457	231	494	260	221	223	209	251
	Patient	691	46	74	146	215	281	403	402	321	393	398	353	471	389	383
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,604</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>694</b>
Betsi Cadwaladr	Clinical	325	76	94	104	155	171	232	221	218	215	161	145	147	218	219
	NonClinical	458	62	49	100	261	203	203	183	212	182	301	168	281	231	235
	Patient	870	70	61	116	158	167	237	261	276	278	340	278	271	289	292
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,653</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>746</b>
Cardiff & Vale	Clinical	172	33	41	66	91	91	104	115	125	90	106	98	129	162	126
	NonClinical	828	39	70	168	218	183	271	317	283	259	293	157	291	284	353
	Patient	585	89	114	125	234	211	278	321	352	360	423	345	445	376	370
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>849</b>
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	Clinical	36	1	3	21	35	32	49	48	52	46	37	31	53	73	80
	NonClinical	2,174	152	76	51	80	81	152	313	220	297	110	100	166	153	179
	Patient	445	45	79	110	143	142	215	222	214	184	129	151	232	243	269
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>528</b>
Hywel Dda	Clinical	21	4	4	19	24	22	21	32	53	104	27	31	27	23	26
	NonClinical	268	29	16	25	46	58	83	74	98	97	55	70	85	80	111
	Patient	747	123	49	70	113	90	151	200	229	265	239	154	179	166	174
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,036</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>311</b>
Powys	Clinical	10		2		1	2	4	3	6	3	4	4	8	4	4
	NonClinical	9				1	16	7	12	36	14	5	11	33	18	13
	Patient	25				2	5	17	21	12	14	52	41	30	25	24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>
Swansea Bay	Clinical	71	15	14	26	30	28	63	48	55	36	45	44	37	32	42
	NonClinical	1,580	150	122	76	133	105	121	259	180	192	144	114	150	171	164
	Patient	462	83	67	92	116	100	185	223	180	236	247	231	282	238	251
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>457</b>
All Wales	Clinical	661	136	170	255	358	366	503	501	547	540	423	400	445	577	557
	NonClinical	9,204	885	385	524	858	774	1,083	1,615	1,260	1,535	1,168	841	1,229	1,146	1,306
	Patient	3,825	456	444	659	981	996	1,486	1,650	1,584	1,730	1,828	1,553	1,910	1,726	1,763
	<b>Total</b>	<b>13,690</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>2,197</b>	<b>2,136</b>	<b>3,072</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>3,391</b>	<b>3,805</b>	<b>3,419</b>	<b>2,794</b>	<b>3,584</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>3,626</b>

Source: DHCW Postponed Admitted Procedures database

Table 2: Number of elective admissions by month

	Mar-2020	Apr-2020	May-2020	Jun-2020	Jul-2020	Aug-2020	Sep-2020	Oct-2020	Nov-2020	Dec-2020	Jan-2021	Feb-2021	Mar-2021	Apr-2021	May-2021
Aneurin Bevan	3,817	844	1,196	2,008	2,508	2,648	3,056	3,297	3,238	3,460	3,564	3,827	4,586	4689	4540
Betsi Cadwaladr	4,662	1,127	1,336	1,985	2,469	2,355	3,139	3,471	3,609	3,345	3,180	3,390	3,665	3673	4136
Cardiff & Vale	3,667	850	1,342	2,254	2,883	2,509	2,927	2,890	3,237	2,725	2,687	2,986	3,809	3584	3548
Cwm Taf Morgannwg	2,640	494	561	951	1,389	1,267	1,736	1,547	1,867	1,386	1,201	1,555	2,237	2083	2248
Hywel Dda	3,365	1,139	1,220	1,503	2,032	1,777	1,907	2,573	2,490	2,219	1,789	2,120	2,716	2522	2664
Powys	262	65	66	83	113	121	174	178	206	186	197	237	300	268	257
Swansea Bay	2,918	953	1,080	1,527	1,835	1,803	2,130	2,186	2,131	1,993	2,332	2,463	2,937	2548	2661
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,331</b>	<b>5,472</b>	<b>6,801</b>	<b>10,311</b>	<b>13,229</b>	<b>12,480</b>	<b>15,069</b>	<b>16,142</b>	<b>16,778</b>	<b>15,314</b>	<b>14,950</b>	<b>16,578</b>	<b>20,250</b>	<b>19,367</b>	<b>20,054</b>

Source: DHCW data