NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 21 November 2018.

Extract from Request

“Regarding chronic pain services; the number of (a) part- and (b) full-time staff employed by NHS Tayside at the (i) self-management, (ii) community and primary care service, (iii) secondary care-based specialist pain management service and (iv) highly specialist level.”

Response

Collective response to (i) and (ii) from IJBs for each Council area across Tayside:

Most chronic pain support is delivered in primary care by generic primary care staff, who have been trained on pain management, rather than staff within specialised chronic pain posts within primary care.

Please note, there is a current national exercise that is quantifying current and future specialist pain service provision across Scotland, chaired by Gregor Smith (DCMO).

The Workforce Survey is one of the actions overseen by the National Advisory Committee for Chronic Pain: [https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Services/Chronic-Pain/NACCP](https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Services/Chronic-Pain/NACCP). This has been tracked in the publicly available minutes of the meetings. The last meeting was in November, but these minutes are not yet confirmed/available. The Survey is mentioned most recently in the previous minutes, from 14th August 2018 ([https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Services/Chronic-Pain/NACCP/NACP-Minutes](https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Services/Chronic-Pain/NACCP/NACP-Minutes)).

Collective response to (iii) and (iv):

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Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Tayside has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commission.

A request for an internal review must be made in writing no later than forty working days from receipt of this response and addressed to:

Tayside NHS Board Secretary
Tayside NHS Board Headquarters
Ninewells Hospital & Medical School
Dundee
DD1 9SY

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Scottish Information Commissioner for a decision. The Scottish Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Or via the online appeal service: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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