NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 15 January 2019.

NHS Tayside wishes to advise you that there are exemptions applicable to the information requested. Please refer to the exemptions section of this correspondence.

**Extract from Request**

“I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

The number of times stomach pumping procedures (gastric lavage or gastric irrigation, A&E code 11B) were performed on patients under the age of 18 because of alcohol poisoning in a) 2016 b) 2017 c) 2018.

Please provide the information electronically. If that is not possible please let me know and I can provide an address for paper copies.”

**Response**

Information surrounding stomach pumping procedures is not held by NHS Tayside.

This procedure is not recorded but has essentially fallen out of practice and would certainly not be used for alcohol poisoning.


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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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

**If you have any queries about this correspondence, please contact:**

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