NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 14 January 2019.

Extract from Request

“Under terms of the Freedom of Information Act can you please furnish me with the following:

a) What interim arrangements have been made for clinical waste disposal since the termination of the contract with Healthcare Environmental Services?

b) The waste from GP surgeries, dentists, care homes among other sites was normally transferred directly to the HES base in Shotts. Is this waste now being transferred to hospitals to await collection?

c) If yes to b) above how is it being stored? If no to b) above where is it being taken?

d) What NHS staff are being deployed to deal with waste since the HES contract ended? And in what capacity?”

Response

a) To enable the continued safe disposal of Clinical Waste a number of hauliers and disposal sites have been contracted to collect and dispose of all clinical waste produced by NHS Tayside.

b) Yes, waste from GP surgeries, dentists etc are now being transferred to hospitals to await collection.

c) The waste is stored in appropriate containers located within a Licensed Waste Transfer Station.

d) NHS Tayside staff duties have not required changing since the contract ended.


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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.itspublicknowledgelo.info/Appeal

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