NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 18 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 sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information.

The following questions refer to patients wishing to your psychodermatology service at the dermatology clinic in Dundee.

1. Please can you tell me the total number of referrals you have received in each of the following financial years:
   a) 2017/18
   b) 2016/17
   c) 2015/16

2. Please can you tell the total number of referrals you have either rejected or were deemed not suitable for each of the following financial years:
   a) 2017/18
   b) 2016/17
   c) 2015/16

3. Please can you tell me the average waiting time between referral and first treatment patients have had to wait in each of the following financial years:
   a) 2017/18
   b) 2016/17
   c) 2015/16”

**Response**

Psychodermatology patients are seen at return appointments and due to this we cannot provide details for referrals, rejected referrals or waiting times from referral date as the data cannot be linked from referral to return appointments.

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<td>Due to these patients being seen as return appointments, this is not recorded and we are unable to provide the figures requested.</td>
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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.itpublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itpublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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

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