NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 28 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**

“Please provide me with details of all children (i.e. 17 and under) who were admitted for drug overdoses to A&Es at Tayside hospitals for each of the financial years of 2017/18 and 2018/19. These details should include:

- A breakdown by number of individuals, discounting repeat admissions
- Whether the patient was male or female.”

**Response**

Where the values of statistics provided in the following table fall below 5 but are greater than 0, these statistics are represented by ‘<5’. Due to the small numbers of patients involved further detail cannot be provided as disclosure of the information may lead to the identification of individuals.

### Accident & Emergency attendances with a diagnosis of overdose:

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**Notes:** Financial year 2018/19 is for the period 1st April 18 – 31st January 2019 only.

A&E attendances with a diagnosis of overdose.

Patients attending A&E aged 17 and under at time of attendance.

A patient may have had multiple A&E attendances due to a diagnosis of overdose but as requested each patient has only been counted once.

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| IGTFOISA5886  | Section 38 (1) (a) – Personal Information | ▪ Information relating to an individual’s health care is personal information.  
▪ Disclosure of information which would allow the identification of individuals would be in breach of confidentiality and Data Protection principles. |

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.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal
If you have any queries about this correspondence, please contact:

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