NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 5th February 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 could you tell me the number and type of procedures carried out by private/independent healthcare firms on NHS patients on behalf of your NHS board? Please could you tell me the total number of NHS patients who receive such a procedure? Please could you provide figures for each of the last 10 years?”

**Response**

Please see below table for the total number and type of procedures carried out by private/independent healthcare firms on NHS Tayside patients.

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Where the values of statistics provided above 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.


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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.itsspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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