NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 31st January 2019.

Extract from Request

“I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) relating to the adoption of ‘Cloud Computing’ in your organisation. The questions I have are detailed below:

1. Have you got a Cloud adoption strategy? a. Yes b. No

2. If yes; does that strategy cover the following?
   a. On-premises  b. Private Cloud
   c. Public Cloud  d. Hybrid Mix of on-premises, private or public Cloud

3. What are issues/concerns you have regarding Public Cloud:
   a. Security Threats  b. Data Sovereignty
   c. Skills and Staffing  d. Governance (e.g. spending control)
   e. Service Availability  f. Migration

4. Are you currently utilising any public cloud services? a. Yes b. No

5. If no; are you looking to add Public Cloud into your Cloud adoption strategy over the next 12 months? a. Yes b. No

6. Which Public Cloud vendors/resources are you using, or planning on using?
   a. Amazon Web Services  b. Microsoft Azure
   c. Google Cloud  d. Other

7. What are/were your motivations for moving to the cloud? (Multiple Answers)
   a. Reducing Costs  b. Increasing Scalability
   c. Efficiency  d. Improving Productivity

8. Would your/is your organisation willing to store data of a sensitive nature on the cloud? (This would include things like personal details and financial information)
   a. Yes  b. No

9. How would your organisation estimate the potential security of the cloud?
   a. Excellent  b. Good
   c. Okay  d. Unreliable
   e. Untrustworthy

10. Do you have the skills in-house to transition to the cloud? a. Yes b. No
11. If YES; what level of staff training has been undertaken for in-house staff?
   a. Basic understanding of cloud technologies
   b. Understanding of Cloud infrastructure as a service
   c. Cloud Security Certification

12. If you have adopted Public Cloud how would you classify the overall outcome?
   a. Failure
   b. Partial or Qualified Success
   c. Success

Response

1. NHS Tayside does not have a cloud adoption strategy.
2. Not applicable.
3. Regarding public cloud, NHS Tayside has concerns with security threats, data sovereignty, skills and staffing, governance, service availability and migration.
4. NHS Tayside is not currently utilising any public cloud services.
5. Yes, NHS Tayside is looking to add public cloud into the cloud adoption strategy.
6. NHS Tayside is planning to used Microsoft Azure.
7. The motivation for moving to the cloud was efficiency and improving productivity.
8. NHS Tayside is willing to store sensitive data on the cloud.
9. NHS Tayside considers the security of the cloud to be good.
10. There are no in-house skills for transitioning on to the cloud.
11. Not applicable.
12. Not applicable.


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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

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