NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 22\textsuperscript{nd} 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**

“How many patients have been treated for injuries sustained after being bitten by a dog in the last five years? Could you please break it down per year, and in each instance state the treatment needed?”

**Response**

Please see table below for the number of injuries sustained after being bitten by a dog within NHS Tayside.

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<td>Discharged from A&amp;E</td>
<td>367</td>
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Information on treatment provided is not consistently recorded on the A&E systems. A split is shown identifying those patients who attended A&E and were subsequently admitted to hospital.

**Notes:**
Data sources: from 2014 to 24/06/2017 – Symphony; from 25/06/2017 to 2018 – Trakcare
Dog Bites are not a coded value.
From Symphony system, A&E attendances where the (free form) Presenting Complaint included the string “Dog” were included and a visual check to exclude any cases which were not bites.
From TrakCare, A&E attendances where the Diagnosis Code was W54.9 (Description: Dog Bites), or Diagnosis Code ED01.7 (Description: ED injury - wound - Bite animal) and (free form) Diagnosis Comments field included “Dog” - were included.


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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.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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

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30 Mains Loan
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04 March 2019