NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 4th February 2019.

Extract from Request

“I am looking at theatre utilisation and would appreciate an answer to the following questions:

1. How many and what type of theatres are available for use at Stracathro?
2. Over period 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018 what use, if any, was made of each theatre over the weekend period (showing each Saturday and Sunday separately) and was work undertaken by NHS staff or an external provider?
3. For those theatres not in use on Saturday and Sunday was that due to lack of demand, staffing or budget?
4. Over the same period (October to December 2018) were any theatres not in use during Monday to Friday and if so how many, frequency and for what reason?
5. Do you have separate facilities for endoscopy? If separate could the same information be provided for endoscopy suites?”

Response

1. There are four theatres available for use at Stracathro. Two of these theatres have laminar air flow which makes them suitable for athr oplasty.
2 & 3. The theatres at Stracathro Hospital are not used at the weekend as the Regional Treatment Centre is not operational on Saturdays and Sundays.
4. Between 1 October 2018 and 31 December 2018, there was a temporary reduction of four full day lists, however, since January 2019, two full day lists have been reinstated to deliver urology and oral maxillofacial surgery procedures for NHS Grampian. NHS Tayside plans to increase the number of surgical procedures carried out at Stracathro in the future.
5. NHS Tayside does not undertake endoscopy in this unit.


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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

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