NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 13 February 2019.

Extract from Request

“I request, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 the following information individually and separately in terms of the legislation:

1. Regarding the Scottish Government apportioning funding among Boards to reduce Waiting Times, totalling £51.6 million in 2017/2018 and £50 million in 2018/2019, please state a) how much of your board’s funding allocation you gave to aid waiting times in your chronic pain services or b) if nothing was given to your chronic pain services, please also state for these two tranches, c) specifying only this Barnett Consequences additional funding, not other sources:

First round: In 2017 - 2018
Second round: 2018- 2019,

2. Secondly, did you receive recommendations and help from the Scottish Government (officials and appointees) on which services to select for this funding in their notification letters or other sources.”

Clarification received from applicant – 01/03/19

b) Means that if nothing was assigned to chronic pain services from this specific money, please state so. As two tranches are involved, 2017/18 and 2018/19, the answer might be nothing for both years or a specific sum for both years, or a specific sum for one year only.

c) States; “specifying only this Barnett Consequences additional funding, not other sources”. I don’t know how to make this clearer - it means money received only from Barnett Consequences via the Scottish Government for 2017-18 and 2018-19, to help improve waiting times of whichever services boards chose.

It may be that you did not assign any of this extra money to chronic pain services - just please state so if that is the case.
Response

1. NHS Tayside has no funding allocated to chronic pain.

2. No, Scottish Government advises longest waits to be addressed.


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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.itспublicknowledge.info/Appeal
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