NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 12 March 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**

“I am conducting research into the NHS adoption of PEPPOL (Pan European Public Procurement On Line) am making a request under the FOI Act with regards to the following questions. Please forward this request onto the procurement team:

1. Does your trust use PEPPOL as the messaging standard for key documents (purchase orders, advance shipping notes, invoices) to be exchanged between the trust and suppliers? *Please see below for a PEPPOL definition*
   a. If yes, please provide the name of the PEPPOL access point provider (i.e. GHX, Pagero, EDICOM, Tradeshift etc) *Please see below for a definition of a PEPPOL access point provider*
   b. What was the annual cost of their services in 17/18?
   c. Contract Start Date
   d. Contract End Date
   e. Did the organisation use a framework to procure this service? If so, please provide the framework name
   f. Please provide the name and job title of the individual who signed the contract
   g. Following the purchase of your PEPPOL Access Point Supplier, has the organisation seen any quantifiable benefits, if so, please provide detail of these benefits *(i.e. reduction of hours spent on manual checks, % of tasks process automation, reduction in errors)*

2. Does the PEPPOL access point provider integrate with any other non-NHS systems to provide services, supported by and compliant with PEPPOL? *(i.e. to provide Process Orders (PO’s), Stock Items, Auditing, Fraud Protection etc.)*
   a. If yes, please provide the name of the non-NHS provider and the type of service provided.”

**Response**

NHS Tayside’s eProcurement technology is provided by Scottish Government, who hold the contracts. For further information please refer to Scottish Government Procurement & Commercial Directorate.

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

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

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