NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 27 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

“I’m looking for figures of people on puberty blocking drugs in Tayside, broken down into Dundee, Perth and Angus. Can the figures be broken down into age categories and gender categories?

And I am looking for current figures (the numbers of people on these drugs at present), figures from last calendar year 2018, and the previous calendar year of 2017.”

Response

There are currently 14 children and young people receiving puberty blocking drugs (decaptypl) in NHS Tayside. In 2018 there were 18 children and young people receiving puberty blocking drugs and in 2017 there were 11.

The regional breakdown for those children and young people currently being treated are Angus <5, Dundee, 7, Perth <5 and Fife <5.

All children currently being treated are <15 years. When stratified by age category (5-10, 10-15), one of the categories has <5 individuals.

Most children currently being treated are female with <5 children being male.

Where the values of statistics provided above fall below 5 but are greater than 0, these statistics are represented by ‘<5’. Due to the small numbers of patients involved further detail cannot be provided as disclosure of the information may lead to the identification of individuals.


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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

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

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