NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 21 February 2019.

Extract from Request

“I’d like to request the following under freedom of information:

How many people are currently on the waiting list for a hip replacement?

Of these, how many have been waiting longer than 18 weeks?

How many have been waiting longer than one year (52 weeks)?

In the current financial year, 2018/19, has the health board paid to send any patients for hip replacement surgery in the private sector? If so, i) how many patients, ii) what was the cost to the health board?”

Response

There are currently 305 patients on the waiting list for a hip replacement.

Eighty five patients have waited over 18 weeks.

There are currently no patients waiting over 52 weeks.

There have been no patients sent for hip replacement surgery within the private sector that has been authorised through the Out of Area Treatment process.

There is an improvement plan in place to provide access for those patients waiting greater than 12 weeks.


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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
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Response to correspondence dated 21 February 2019
Request: Hip Replacement Waiting Lists
Applicant: Media
Reference: IGTFOISA5994

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
Doubtedykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Or via the online appeal service: www.itssplicknowledge.info/Appeal
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21 March 2019