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

**Extract from Request**

“Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Bowel Cancer UK is requesting information on patient access to breaks from treatment for the EGFRi drug cetuximab, for its use in the first-line treatment of patients who have RAS wild type metastatic colorectal cancer. This drug was approved for routine use in Scotland by the Scottish Medicines Consortium in 2014.

In England, a treatment break rule imposed on this drug does not allow planned breaks from treatment longer than six weeks. Should a break be taken longer than this time period, funding for treatment is no longer provided by NHS England. We’d like to find out if your Health Board enacts a similar policy.

Attachment enclosed”

**Response**

NHS Tayside has no regulations in place regarding breaks from treatment for the EGFRi drug cetuximab, for its use in the first-line treatment of patients who have RAS wild type metastatic colorectal cancer


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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

Chairman, John Brown CBE
Chief Executive, Grant R Archibald
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Response to correspondence dated 21 March 2018
Request: Treatment for the EGFRi drug Cetuximab
Applicant: Groups/Business
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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.itsspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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