NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 7th March 2019.

**Extract from Request** (NHS Tayside have added numbers for ease of reference)

1. “Please provide the total number of confirmed drug related deaths in NHS Tayside between 1.1.2018 and 30.9.2018.
2. Please also provide the total number of confirmed drug related deaths in NHS Tayside between 1.1.2017 and 30.9.2017.
3. Please also provide the total number of suspected drug related deaths which are still being investigated in NHS Tayside between 1.1.2018 and 30.9.2018.”

**Response**

1. Following NHS Tayside review, 60 of the suspected deaths between 1.1.2018 and 30.9.2018 have been classified as drug deaths.
2. 42 deaths were classified as drug deaths following review between 1.1.2017 and 30.9.2017.
3. There is still one death left to be reviewed by NHS Tayside for dates 1.1.2018 and 30.9.2018.

Please note NHS Tayside intend to publish the annual drug deaths report for 2018 by 30 June 2019.


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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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NHS Tayside
27 March 2019