NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 13 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**

“From the 1\textsuperscript{st} of January 2017 until the 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2018 how many people did not turn up for a cervical cancer smear test? Can this information be broken down into age groups please?”

**Response**

Please see the below table for the number of patients who did not attend (DNA) an appointment for a cervical cancer smear test between 1\textsuperscript{st} January 2017 and 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2018.

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<th>Age Band</th>
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<td>51-60</td>
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<td>61-70</td>
<td>&lt;5</td>
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Notes:
NHS Tayside hospitals.
Clinic appointment type ‘Gynae nurse smear clinic’.
Patient age at date of appointment that was not attended.

Where the values of statistics provided 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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<td>Section 38 – Personal Information</td>
<td>Disclosure of information which would allow the identification of individuals would be in breach of confidentiality and Data Protection principles.</td>
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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
Kinvurn Castle
Doubledykes Road
St Andrews
Fife
KY16 9DS

Or via the online appeal service: [www.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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

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