NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 15 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

“For your health board, due to infection outbreaks, in the last 5 years –
1) How many ward closure have there been?
2) How may operations have been suspended?”

Response

1) From 01 April 2014 until 28 March 2019 there have been 39 ward closures across NHS Tayside. These can be broken down per year as below:

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2) NHS Tayside does not hold the information requested.


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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Response to correspondence dated 15 March 2019
Request: Infection Outbreaks
Applicant: Parliament
Reference: IGTFOISA6096

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.itpublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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