NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 4 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**

“In each of the past three years, broken down by month and health centre, on how many occasions was there a lack of cover for GP out of hours services? Of these instances, how many resulted in NHS Tayside taking action to provide suitable cover?”

**Response**

NHS Tayside does not hold this information.

NHS Tayside take operational decisions on a shift by shift basis taking into account demand and capacity considerations as well as clinical information and geography to ensure that we make the best use of all available resources.


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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.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal)

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

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