NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 11 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

- “The number of people under the age of 20 who have been treated for stab wounds caused by a knife (or other sharp object) in the last three years. Could you please break this down by age, if possible. If not, it would be good to have age bands for example, something like under 10, 11-14, under 16 etc.

- The number of people under the age of 20 who have been treated for other injuries (such as slashing) caused by a knife or other sharp object in the last three years. Could you please break this down by age, if possible. If not, it would be good to have age bands for example, something like under 10, 11-14, under 16 etc.

- The number of people under the age of 20 who have died as a result of stab wounds caused by a knife (or other sharp object) in the last three years. Could you please break this down by age, if possible. If not, it would be good to have age bands for example, something like under 10, 11-14, under 16 etc.”

Response

Please see below table for the number of people under the age of 20 who have been treated for stab wounds within the last three years.

Where the values of statistics in the table below 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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Notes: Emergency Department (ED) attendances at NHS Tayside (Ninewells Hospital & Perth Royal Infirmary).

Age as at time of attendance at ED.

Specific objects involved in producing injury are not recorded.

ISD ‘External Cause of Injury’ definitions: 08A Scratching, cutting, tearing, severing, includes cut by knife, broken glass, severing of a body part with an axe, etc. excludes human bite or animal bite. 08B Puncturing, stabbing, includes penetrating/piercing wounds caused by knife, sword, sharp glass, etc.

Please see response in table above for information regarding the number of people under the age of 20 who have been treated for other injuries (such as slashing) caused by a knife or other sharp object.

NHS Tayside has recorded no deaths in the emergency department as a result of stab wounds within the last three years.


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

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

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