NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 3 April 2019.

**Extract from Request**

1. “Trust/Health Board name?”
2. Number of hospitals managed?
3. What type of hand drying systems do you provide in the washrooms located in the following areas of your hospitals?
   - Clinical: Folded hand paper towels, rolled paper hand towels, electric hand dryers, cotton roller towels, other.
   - Public areas: Folded hand paper towels, rolled paper hand towels, electric hand dryers, cotton roller towels, other.
   - Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc.): Folded hand paper towels, rolled paper hand towels, electric hand dryers, cotton roller towels, other.
4. If electrical dryers are used please state type –
   - a. Clinical: Warm air dryers, Jet air dryers
   - b. Public areas: Warm air dryers, Jet air dryers
   - c. Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc.): Warm air dryers, Jet air dryers
5. If other hand drying systems are used, or combinations of systems are employed, please give details: a. Clinical, b. Public areas, c. Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc.)
6. What were the main reasons for choosing the hand drying systems you use in: a. Clinical, b. Public areas, c. Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc.)
7. Have you changed your hand drying methods in the past year? If so please give details of the change and the reasons why?
8. Do you have any plans to change your hand drying systems? If so what do you plan to change to and why?
9. In your opinion which is the most hygienic method of hand drying for hospital environments? Folded hand paper towels, rolled paper hand towels, electric hand dryers, cotton roller towels, other, don’t know.
10. Any other comments you would like to make about hand drying?”

**Response**

1. NHS Tayside.
2. NHS Tayside has 17 properties.
3. NHS Tayside provides folded hand paper towels in all locations. NHS Tayside uses folded hand paper towels in both clinical and non clinical settings.
4. NHS Tayside does not use electrical dryers.
5. Not applicable.
6. NHS Tayside considers folder hand paper towels to be the most hygienic.
7. NHS Tayside has not changed hand drying methods within the past year.
8. NHS Tayside does not plan to change the hand drying system.
9. NHS Tayside considers folder hand paper towels to be the most hygienic.
10. Not applicable.


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Chairman, John Brown CBE
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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:

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Tayside NHS Board Headquarters
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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:

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Or via the online appeal service: www.itstopublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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