NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 1 April 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**

1) “How many brain tumour patients at Ninewells Hospital are discussed pre-operatively in a Multidisciplinary Team meeting (MDT) between January 2018-December 2018?
2) How many brain tumour patients at Ninewells Hospital are operated on by neurosurgeons who spend at least 50% of their time on neuro-oncology activities between January 2018-December 2018?
3) How many brain tumour patients were referred onto a dedicated out-patient clinic between January 2018-December 2018?
4) Will the neurosurgery department at Ninewells Hospital offer 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA) to eligible patients in financial year 2019/20?”

**Response**

1) Between 1st January – 31st December 2018, 202 patients were seen at MDT. 38 patients were diagnosed with new Primary malignant tumours in 2018, all were seen at MDT.
   Please note: Patients identified from QPI database of diagnosed Brain/CNS tumours.
   A typical week’s MDT will contain approximately 3-4 patients (typically varying between 0 and 6 patients), of which some will be repeat new cases, review cases, benign cases and new diagnosed cancers. The data collected is only for a subset of brain tumours (specifically Brain Cancers).
2) The information requested is not held in a readily identifiable format.
3) The information requested is not held in a readily identifiable format.
4) NHS Tayside will offer 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA) to eligible patients in 2019/20.


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

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