NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 10 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**

- “How many cases of drug resistant infections (both bacterial and fungal) have there been at your NHS Board in each of the past five years (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014)?
- What were those infections?
- How many of those infections resulted in deaths?

Please could you break the results down by year, rather than providing them as one number.”

**Response**

Information not held. The Infection Prevention and Control Team do not hold all of the requested data, as they only deal with “alert” organisms which are a defined group of bacteria and viruses and by providing partial data could lead to potential misinterpretation.

NHS Tayside does carry out active surveillance of “alert” organisms and monitors for any change in trends. Health Protection Scotland will also provide national guidance/alerts to local Infection Prevention and Control Teams if they are aware of an increase in resistant organisms.


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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.itsepubliknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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