NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 22 April 2019.

**Extract from Request**

1. How many babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome in your health board area in 2018/2019.
2. How many babies were born with fetal alcohol syndrome in your health board area in (a) 2016/17, (b) 2017/18, and (b) 2018/19.”

**Response**

1. Nineteen babies were born with neonatal abstinence syndrome in NHS Tayside health board area in 2018/2019.
2. Fetal alcohol syndrome is difficult to diagnose in the immediate postnatal period. There have been less than five babies with this diagnosis made in the neonatal period for these dates. Due to the small numbers of babies involved further detail cannot be provided as disclosure of the information may lead to the identification of individuals.


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Document Ref.</th>
<th>FOISA Exemption Applied</th>
<th>Justification</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| IGTFOISA6221  | Section 38 (1) (a)       | • Information relating to an individual’s health care is personal information.  
• Disclosure of information which would allow the identification of individuals would be in breach of confidentiality and Data Protection principles. |
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.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

Information Governance Team
Maryfield House
30 Mains Loan
Dundee
DD4 7BT

Telephone - 01382 424413
E-mail: informationgovernance.tayside@nhs.net

Information Governance
NHS Tayside
6 May 2019