NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 8 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

“Following the recent information which was provided around the levels of chemotherapy provided to breast cancer patients across Tayside I would like to know – How many women received a lesser doze of FEC T between dates 1 December 2016 and 31 March 2018? Of those women, how many died? Of those who survived, how many had cancer return in the breast? Of those who survived, how many had cancer return somewhere else in the body?”

Response

Where the values of statistics provided in the following data 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.

1. 83 patients (while being treated with the FEC-T regime) had a planned lesser dose than the previous regime dose of Docetaxel between 1/12/16 and 31/3/18
2. Of those patients <5 have died.
3. Of those who survived, <5 patients had further chemotherapy treatment for recurrent breast cancer.
4. See answer to Q3

*Information provided is only for patients who have received chemotherapy treatment for cancer that has returned. If no chemotherapy treatment has been given but other (e.g. radiotherapy or hormonal therapies) or no treatment has been given, then NHS Tayside is unable to identify these patients.

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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.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
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If you have any queries about this correspondence, please contact:

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