NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 29 April 2019.

Extract from Request

“As you'll be aware the Chief Medical Officer issued a letter on 31st October 2018 about doctors being able to prescribe cannabis based products for medicinal use in Scotland - and elsewhere in the UK.

The letter states you (as CDAO) have a statutory responsibility to secure the safe management and used of this drug - including the monitoring of prescribing, supplying and administration.

I'm trying to build a national picture of the number of patients who have been prescribed cannabis based products for medicinal use since the law changed last year.

Are you able to supply me the following information -
• The number of patients prescribed these products since the law changed in 2018. Is it possible to have the data up until today?
• Are you able to tell me age brackets of patients prescribed these products?”

Response

NHS Tayside has not prescribed any cannabis based products for medicinal use.


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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.itsspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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