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

Extract from Request

- “How many patients under the two week rule waited more than two weeks for their PET/CT scans at the PET scanning facilities at hospitals in the NHS Tayside Trust in the last year?
- How many PET-CT scans have been delayed and/or cancelled at these PET centres in the last year?
- What is the reason given for these scans being delayed?”

Clarification (via email 02/05/2019)

“With reference to the suspected cancer cases referred for imaging - How many cases (number of cases and percentage of cases referred) have waited two weeks or more from the date of referral for imaging?”

Response

- In 2018/19, 696 oncology scans were performed, of these 221 waited more than 14 days from initial request to scan. (Please note weekends and public holidays are included in 14 day wait.)

- In 2018/19, 189 scans were delayed.

- The reasons given for scan being delayed are:-
  Availability of Ligand
  Booked too soon after Chemo/Surgery
  No longer required/cancelled by referring doctor
  Failure to cannulate patient
  Patient blood sugar/glucose level elevated
  Patient too ill on day of scan
  Patient refused to consent /patient claustrophobic
  DNA without prior notice
  Appointment letter not received
  Patient requested alternative appointment
  Failure to read leaflet instructions
  Adverse weather


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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
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KY16 9DS

Or via the online appeal service: www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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