NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 17 May 2019.

**Extract from Request**

“The following request concerns primary school referrals to your NHS child and adolescent mental health services. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with responses to the following:

1. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?

2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools (for pupils aged 11 and under) which were declined (rejected) for each of the last four financial years (including 2018/19)?

3. The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years - including 2018/19 (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don’t independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?

4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 financial years - including 2018/19 (i.e. this is according to records which are kept, please don’t independently investigate if records are not able to be filtered to check this)?

5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services in 2018/19?”

**Response**

1. Information in the table below is number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>2015-16</th>
<th>2016-17</th>
<th>2017-18</th>
<th>2018-19</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of referrals received</td>
<td>1142</td>
<td>1210</td>
<td>1240</td>
<td>1026</td>
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</table>

2. The total number of referrals made to mental health services by primary schools:

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<tr>
<td>Number of referrals rejected/declined</td>
<td>301</td>
<td>312</td>
<td>415</td>
<td>552</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

3. The known most number of times an individual child referred by a primary school has been declined mental health services over the last four financial years:
4. The longest known time spent by an individual child referred by a primary school on a waiting list for mental health services over the last 4 financial years:

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<th>Maximum time on waiting list</th>
<th>2015-16</th>
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<td></td>
<td>386</td>
<td>255</td>
<td>425</td>
<td>296</td>
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5. The average waiting time spent by a child referred by a primary school to be seen by mental health services:

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<td>118.5</td>
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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
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Response to correspondence dated 17 May 2019
Request: Primary School referrals to CAMHS
Applicant: Private
Reference: IGTFOISA6313

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.itstopublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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