NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 13 May 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

“1) How many vaginal deliveries were recorded in hospitals in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?

2)How many of these vaginal deliveries required additional medical assistance including
an episiotomy or the use of a vacuum or forceps in your health district between January
2018 - January 2019?

3)How many births which began as vaginal births resulted in emergency Caesarian
sections in your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?

4)How many women required surgery after a vaginal birth in your health district between
January 2018 - January 2019?

5)How many women required further surgery more than six months after a vaginal birth in
your health district between January 2018 - January 2019?

6)How many women opted for an elective second on their second child?”

Response

1. There were 2763 vaginal births in NHS Tayside, this includes ventouse, forceps and
vaginal breech births.

2. 497 vaginal births required additional medical assistance using ventouse and forceps. Unfortunately NHS Tayside does not hold information surrounding medical assistance where an episiotomy was performed.

3. NHS Tayside does not record the information requested.

4. NHS Tayside does not record the information requested.

5. NHS Tayside does not record the information requested.

6. NHS Tayside does not record the information requested.


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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  
Doubtedykes 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:

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