NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 21 May 2019.

Extract from Request

“In NHS Tayside’s annual accounts for 2017/18 it set out the expenditure levels for Independent Primary Care Services, broken down by General Medical Services; Pharmaceutical Services; General Dental Services; and General Ophthalmic Services. In other words, detailing the expenditure on private contractors providing GP, pharmacy, dental and eye care which is free at the point of use.

Figures are given for 2017 and 2018. In older versions of the annual accounts the information is categorized differently, often referred to as ‘Family health’, and figures not comparable. In order to ensure comparable information, I therefore I would like to ask:

For each of the last five years available, how much as the health board spent on independent Primary care services (independent contractors) providing each of the following services: a) General Medical Services; b) Pharmaceutical Services; c) General Dental Services; and d) General Ophthalmic Services.”

Response

The table below contains the figures from Note 3b of the 2017/18 annual accounts and the comparable figures for each of the 4 preceding years.

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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

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

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