NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 30 April 2019.

Extract from Request

“For each of the years 2017 and 2018 please may you provide me with:
1. The total number of adult (aged 17 and above) deaths within your Trust (on Trust sites) between 1st January and 31st December of each year.
2. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on adult (aged 17 and above) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December of each year.”

Clarification (via email 16/05/2019)

“For clarification - I mean any site run by NHS Tayside. Not the entire geographical area, and not just the hospitals, but any site which is under NHS Tayside.”

Response

1. The number of deaths for adults (aged 17 and above\(^1\)) within NHS Tayside for calendar Years\(^2\) 2017 [Complete] & 2018 [Provisional\(^3\)] -

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<td>2017</td>
<td>2,513</td>
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<td>2018 (Prov(^3))</td>
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Notes:
1) Extraction from National Records of Scotland (NRS) Death Files (Annual & Quarter) encompasses adults only (17 years & above at time of death) for all genders.

2) The death data presented here has been specifically extracted by “Date of Death” to fit the request by calendar year. The national reporting standard measure is based on "Calendar Year of Registration of Death", not the year of ‘date of death’ as performed here.

3) Based on the four quarterly reports for 2018 currently available, the figure is categorised as provisional as at April 2019. Frozen/complete 2018 figures will not be available until autumn 2019.

4) The figures presented here -

4a. exclude all Tayside residents who have died out with NHS Tayside, regardless of site

4b. excludes all domiciliary deaths that have occurred within NHS Tayside, regardless of area of residence of deceased

4c. includes all NHS Tayside sites, which is presented as either ‘Hospitals’ or ‘All Other Sites’ which encompasses’ GP Surgery/Health Centre/Medical Centre’; ‘Clinic Premise/Other Clinic Locations’; ‘Prisons’; ‘Residential Homes’; ‘Other Homes’ and ‘Non-NHS (Non-Maternity)’ locations across NHS Tayside regardless of area of residence of deceased (i.e. both Tayside and non-Tayside residents who have passed within a NHS Tayside location are included)
2. NHS Tayside carried out a total of 15 adult (consent) autopsies in 2017 and 11 adult (consent) autopsies in 2018.


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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](http://www.itsspublicknowledge.info/Appeal)
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