NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 07 June 2019.

Extract from Request

“How many anti-depressants have been prescribed within this specific NHS Board in 2018/2017/2016? If you could break these down by year, that would be ideal."

Clarification (via email 11/06/2019)

“Are you looking for the number of anti-depressants prescribed for depression?”
“Yes, that’s correct.”

Response

The number of anti-depressants prescribed by year for depression -

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<td>511,633</td>
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Data has been extracted from systems which cannot identify which indication the medications have been prescribed for, therefore we cannot confirm that they have been prescribed to treat depression.

Volumes quoted in the response combine:-
- Number of items prescribed by General Practitioners/Outpatient clinics where the prescription is then dispensed by a Community Pharmacy.
- Issued from Hospital Pharmacy stores to wards & departments.


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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 sent to:

Head of Information Governance  
Maryfield House (South)  
30 Mains Loans  
Dundee  
DD4 7BT

Or by email to informationgovernance.tayside@nhs.net

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  
Kinnburn Castle  
Dubbledykes Road  
St Andrews, Fife  
KY16 9DS

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

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