NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 03 June 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

“This is a Freedom of Information request for statistics about patient homicides.

Please can you tell me the number of your mental health patients that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the calendar years 2013 – 2018 inclusive?

By ‘homicide’ I mean murder, manslaughter (i.e. culpable homicide), infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving.
By ‘patient’ I mean both community and in-patients who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust within six months of the offence.
By ‘suspected of committing a homicide’ I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else..”

Response

Between the periods 2013 and 2018 there were six patients who were charged with murder and had contact with mental health services in the preceding six months.

During the periods 2013 and 2018 please note there were no patients in 2014 that were charged with murder that had contact with mental health services in the preceding six months.

Please note the data includes all psychiatric sub specialities including Tayside Substance Misuse Service as well as adult and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS).

Due to the small numbers of patients involved further detail cannot be provided as disclosure of the information may lead to the identification of the individuals and would be in breach of confidentiality and Data Protection principles.
Information relating to an individual’s

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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  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
Fife  
KY16 9DS

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

Information Governance Team  
Maryfield House  
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