NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 10 July 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**

“For the hospitals in your health board, what is the average ‘door to needle time’ (DTN - i.e. The time it takes to identify symptoms and eventually administer a thrombolytic agent) for patients?”

**Response**

Thrombolytic agents are used for stroke thrombolysis and are not generally used within cardiology with the exception of the very rarest of occasions.

Information is not recorded for cardiology thrombolysis as a result of this rarity.

For Stroke Thrombolysis, “door to needle” time was mean of 50 minutes for Ninewells Hospital and 60 minutes for PRI (median 43.5 and 53 minutes respectively).


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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

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

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

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