NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 24 June 2019.

Extract from Request

“Please provide information on:

1. What the (a) longest and (b) average waiting time has been in each year since 2015 for all new outpatients for dental specialities?
2. What the (a) longest and (b) average waiting time has been in each year since 2015 for all inpatient or day case admissions for dental specialities?”

Response

1. The longest and average waiting time for new outpatients for dental specialities -

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2. The longest and average waiting time for inpatient and day case admissions for dental specialities -

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Please note NHS Tayside dental specialities include – oral medicine, oral surgery, orthodontics, paediatric dentistry, restorative dentistry and special care dental.


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Chair, Mrs L Birse-Stewart
Chief Executive, Grant R Archibald
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

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Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS

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

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