NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 23 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

“I’d like to submit a Freedom of Information request to obtain details relating to the use of amalgam fillings in NHS dentistry in your health board area over the past 10 years. Could you please answer the following questions for me?

1) How many amalgam fillings have been placed in the mouths of patients through NHS Tayside over the past 10 years? (Please provide a breakdown of the figures for each of the past 10 years).
2) How much money has NHS Tayside spent on placing these amalgam fillings in each of the past 10 years?
3) On how many occasions have dental amalgam fillings been removed after patients had an adverse reaction? (Please provide a breakdown of figures for each of the last 10 years).
4) How much money did it cost to have these dental amalgam fillings removed in each of the past 10 years?
5) How many fillings made of a different material, such as white composite, have been placed in the mouths of patients and paid for by NHS Tayside over the past 10 years? (Please provide a breakdown of the figures for each of the past 10 years).
6) How much did NHS Tayside spend on these fillings using a different material in each of the past 10 years?
7) On how many occasions have fillings using a different material to amalgam been removed after patients had an adverse reaction? (Please provide a breakdown of figures for each of the last 10 years).
8) How much money did it cost to have these (non-amalgam) fillings removed in each of the past 10 years?”

Response

NHS Tayside does not hold the information requested.
Information is held by NSS/ISD. Please re-direct your request to nss.phi-foi@nhs.net.


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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.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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

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