NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 11 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**

1) “i Please could you supply the dosage table for intravenous oxytocin infusion (It might be called Syntocinon.) from your Trust’s Induction of Labour (or Augmentation of Labour) policy (or policies)? If it was (they were) recently updated, please supply the previous one(s), also. Thank you.

   ii) If named in the document, please give the make and model of infusion pump used on your labour ward. (If more than one is in use, please list them all.) Thank you.

2) Please supply your month-by-month postpartum haemorrhage (PPH) statistics for last year, or, an average rate per month that includes all PPHs (i.e. over 500ml, over 1000ml and over 1500ml), whichever is easier. Thank you.

3) How many units of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018?

4) What was the cost to your maternity service of blood and substitute blood products transfused during 2018?

5) What was the total cost of transfusion services to your maternity unit(s), including unused products that had been ordered, in 2018?”

**Response**

1. (i) See table below:

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<th>Time after starting (Minutes)</th>
<th>Oxytocin Dose (milliunits/minute/Infusion rate (ml/hr))</th>
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Doses highlighted (*) are above those referred to in product characteristics of 20 milliunits per minute.
(ii) There is no pump named in the clinical guidelines.

2. Please see the following Postpartum Haemorrhage (PPH) statistics over 1500 ml.

Where the values of statistics provided in the following data fall below 5 but are greater than 0, these statistics are represented by '<5'. Due to the small numbers of patients involved further detail cannot be provided as disclosure of the information may lead to the identification of individuals.

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3. Number of blood or blood products were transfused to maternity patients during 2018:

201 Blood Components were transfused to 80 patients in 2018

- 150 - Red Cell Units
- 39 - FFP Units
- <5 - Cryoprecipitate units
- <5 - Pooled Platelet Units
- 7 - Apheresis Platelet Units
- <5 - Neonatal split unit

4. There is no charge made to clinical service for blood components. Scottish National Blood Transfusion Service (SNBTS) is part of NHS National Services Scotland and as such receive a budget to provide their services out of the overall NHS Scotland Health Spending budget (just as regional Health Boards do).

Substitute blood products – do you want to add anything further about this?

5. See response to Q4.

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| IGTFOISA6511  | Section 38 (1) (b) – Personal Information | • Information relating to an individual’s health care is personal information.  
• Disclosure of information which would allow the identification of individuals would be in breach of confidentiality and Data Protection principles. |

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:

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