NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 16 July 2019.

Extract from Request

- How many patient scans have been sent elsewhere in the UK or Scotland to be read in the last five years. Please break this information down by year. Please also include details -such as where (what part of country and hospital/research facility) the scans were sent.

- How many patient scans have been sent overseas to be read in the last five years. Please break this information down by year. Please also include details -such as where (what country and hospital/research facility) the scans were sent.

Response

- Patient scans sent elsewhere in the UK/Scotland -

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All external reporting has been provided by Medica. All reporting is performed in the UK by UK based radiologists.

- No patient scans have been sent overseas to be read within the last five years.


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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.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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