NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 16 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 (numbers added by NHS Tayside for ease of reference)**

“I would like to request the following information, please.

1. How many Angus residents aged under 18 have been referred for treatment for mental health conditions in each of the past three years?

2. How many of these patients started treatment (a) within four weeks, (b) within eight weeks, (c) within 12 weeks and (d) more than 12 weeks after being referred?

3. How many of these patients received treatment (a) within Angus, (b) out with Angus but within the NHS Tayside area and (c) from another health board?”

**Response**

1. Please see table below:

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<th>Referrals</th>
<th>2016</th>
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<tr>
<td>Angus residents</td>
<td>726</td>
<td>708</td>
<td>723</td>
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Sources:

- TOPAS 01/01/2016 – 23/07/2017
- TRAK 24/07/2017 – 31/12/2018

Inclusions;

- patients aged under 18y at referral, referred to any mental health specialty (child & adolescent mental health, general adult psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, learning disabilities)

2. Please see table below for number of patients commencing treatment each year:

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<td>Up to 4 wks</td>
<td>243</td>
<td>192</td>
<td>185</td>
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<td>5-8 wks</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>9-12 wks</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>47</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over 12 wks</td>
<td>383</td>
<td>403</td>
<td>267</td>
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Information in the table below is for patients currently on the waiting list, by year of referral:

Where the values of statistics provided in the following table 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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<td>&lt;5</td>
<td>122</td>
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Sources:

- TOPAS 01/01/2016 – 23/07/2017
- TRAK 24/07/2017 – 31/12/2018

Inclusions:

- patients aged under 18y at referral, referred to any mental health specialty (child & adolescent mental health, general adult psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, learning disabilities).
- time from referral to treatment has been adjusted for patient unavailability where necessary.

3. Please see table below:

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<td>Angus</td>
<td>184</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>89</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other NHS Tayside</td>
<td>542</td>
<td>595</td>
<td>500</td>
</tr>
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Sources:

- TOPAS 01/01/2016 – 23/07/2017
- TRAK 24/07/2017 – 31/12/2018

Inclusions:

- patients aged under 18y at referral, referred to any mental health specialty (child & adolescent mental health, general adult psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, learning disabilities)
- treatment at any location, including home visits
- we are unable to provide information on patients receiving treatment outwith NHS Tayside

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<td>IGTFOISA6544</td>
<td>Section 38 – Personal Information (1) (b) (Q2)</td>
<td>▪ Information relating to an individual’s health care is personal information. &lt;br&gt;▪ Disclosure of information which would allow the identification of individuals would be in breach of confidentiality and Data Protection principles.</td>
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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](http://www.itstpublicknowledge.info/Appeal)
Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002  
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Reference: IGTFOISA6544

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