NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 17 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**

“Can you please give me some figure in relation to the number of people in Tayside admitted to hospital with injuries caused by dogs? I’m looking for figure from the last 5 years, broken down into calendar years and a current figure for 2019. Can the figures also be broken down into Dundee, Perth and Angus, and further broken down into those aged under 16 and those aged 16+”

**Response**

Please see the below table for the number of people in Tayside admitted to a NHS Tayside hospital with injuries caused by dogs.

Where the values of statistics provided 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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*2019 to June inclusive.

Notes: Dog Bites are not a coded value.
A&E attendances where the (free form) presenting complaint included the string “Dog” were included and a visual check to exclude any cases which may not involve bites.
A&E attendances where the diagnosis description: dog bites, or diagnosis description: ED injury - wound - bite animal and free form diagnosis comments field included “Dog” - were included.

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Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
Response to correspondence dated 17 July 2019
Request: Injuries Caused by Dogs
Applicant: Media
Reference: IGTFOISA6549

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
Kincardine 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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