NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 15 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**

“For your health board, the number of patients who have died while waiting to be discharged from hospital for the last five years. If possible could it please be broken down into:

1) Those waiting due to health and social care reasons
2) Those waiting due to Patient and family related reasons
3) Those waiting due to code 9 reasons
4) The age profile of those waiting who have died while waiting to be discharged”

**Response**

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.

1) Between April 2014 and March 2019 there have been 138 patients who have died while waiting to be discharged from hospital due to health and social care reasons.
2) Between April 2014 and March 2019 <5 patients died while awaiting discharge from hospital due to patient and family reasons.
3) Between April 2014 and March 2019 there have been 15 patients who have died while waiting to be discharged from hospital due to code 9 reasons.
4) The age profile of patients between December 2018 and March 2019, who died while waiting to be discharged -

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<td>Section 38 (1) (b) – Personal information.</td>
<td>Information relating to an individual is personal information. 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
Kinhurn 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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