NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 08 August 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**

“How many people without a fixed abode have been discharged from each hospital within the health board area in each year since 2007?”

**Response**

The people discharged from hospital in NHS Tayside with no fixed abode –

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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**Notes:**
Definition: Patients were counted if they were discharged from Hospital and their address line was recorded as “No fixed Abode”, “NFA” and/or postcode was recorded as NF1 1AB or they were discharged to “No Fixed Abode”. Patients were only counted once per year. NHS Tayside is unable to capture information from 2007-2010.

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<th>Document Ref.</th>
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<td>Section 38 (1)(b) – Personal information.</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 informationgovtance.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.itpublicknowledge.info/Appeal

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