NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 30 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** (NHS Tayside have added numbers for ease of reference)

1. “The dates of employment at the health board for Zholia Alemi – who fraudulently claimed to be a psychiatrist – and how many patients she treated in that time.
2. The number of patients who were prescribed medication by Alemi during that time.
3. The number of patients who were sectioned or detained with Alemi’s approval during that time.
4. The number of patients being treated by Alemi who were given electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) during that time.”

**Response**

1. Zholia Alemi worked as a locum psychiatrist in NHS Tayside, organised through an agency, from July 2009 to August 2010. Review of cases is ongoing, but to date, NHS Tayside has identified 140 patients who were seen by Ms Alemi.

   **2-4 Information not held.** This is an ongoing investigation and this information is not currently held by NHS Tayside. NHS Tayside will be sending letters with further information to affected patients in the foreseeable future.


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Chair, Mrs L Birse-Stewart
Chief Executive, Grant R Archibald
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:

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Doubledykes Road
St Andrews, Fife
KY16 9DS

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