NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 1 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

1. “How many and what type of theatres are available for use at Stracathro?
2. Over period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019 what use, if any, was made of each theatre over the weekend period. Of those 26 weekend theatre days/52 theatre sessions available over that period how many days/sessions was each theatre in use and for what purpose and was work undertaken by NHS staff or an external provider?
3. For those theatres not in use on Saturday and Sunday was that due to lack of demand, staffing or budget?
4. Over the same period (April to June 2019) what use was made of available theatre capacity between Monday and Friday of each week? Of those 70 theatre days/140 theatre sessions available over that period how many days/sessions was each theatre in use?
5. Do you have separate facilities for endoscopy? If separate could the same information be provided for endoscopy suites?”

Response

1. There are four theatres available for use at Stracathro hospital. Two of these theatres have laminar air flow which makes them suitable for arthroplasty.
2. No theatres are in use over the weekend period at Stracathro hospital.
3. The theatres at Stracathro Hospital are not used at the weekend as the Regional Treatment Centre is not operational on Saturdays and Sundays. This is the current service model (since February 2015).
4. The use of Stracathro theatres between 1 April 2019 – 30 June 2019 are as follows - Please note 1 full day = 2 sessions.

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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5. NHS Tayside has no separate facilities for Endoscopy at Stracathro hospital.


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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.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

If you have any queries about this correspondence, please contact:

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