

NHS Tayside has now considered your request dated 23 July 2018.

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) Copies of any policies that the Trust has on the prevention of FASD, and on the diagnosis and post-diagnostic care pathway for patients with an FASD. Also your policy on the training of Trust personnel to manage patients with FASD.
- 2) Any information you hold on services your Trust provided for FASD for
 - a. prevention education following the 2016 Chief Medical Officers' guidelines that the safest course is not to drink while pregnant or attempting to become pregnant;
 - b. diagnosis for both children and adults;
 - c. post-diagnostic care in the financial years beginning 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- 3) Information on the number of Doctors in your Trust who currently provide diagnostic and/or post-diagnostic services for FASD? Please provide their names and posts. Whether your Trust employs specifically trained professionals, including but not limited to nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists, to provide specialised services for patients on the FASD spectrum? If so, in what specialties, and how many? Please provide their names and posts.
- 4) Information on training provided to personnel in your Trust on FASD, or provided by others and accessed by your personnel.
- 5) Information you hold on whether your Trust sends patients for FASD diagnosis to the National FASD Clinic in Surrey (<https://www.fasdclinic.com/>)? Did you refer any patients to the National FASD Clinic in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, and in 2018, and if so, how many in each year?
- 6) What was your budget for services for FASD in each financial year since that starting in 2013 and including the current financial year?
- 7) Please provide copies of any agreed plans you have to expand the budget or services in coming years.

If you are considering rejecting this request on the grounds of the costs of responding exceeding the statutory limits then please respond to as many of the numbered items as possible within the limit, in the order they have been presented.



Response

1. Within Maternity all women are asked at booking about their alcohol intake prior to pregnancy and since confirming they are pregnant. All women are advised that there is no 'safe' amount of alcohol and therefore are advised not to drink any alcohol on pregnancy.
2. As above and women who do have difficulties with alcohol misuse are referred to specialist services
3. Information surrounding number of Doctors who currently provide diagnostic and/or post-diagnostic services for FASD is not held by NHS Tayside.
4. There are learning modules available for staff.
5. In NHS Tayside maternity work with our Public Health Department.
6. NHS Tayside Obstetrics budget is not detailed by speciality level and therefore this information is not available.
7. Not applicable. At present NHS Tayside does not have any plans to expand the service.

Exemptions Section – application of Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 exemptions and Data Protection Act 2018 Principles.

Document Ref.	FOISA Exemption Applied	Justification
IGTFIOISA5231	Section 17 – Information not held.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information surrounding number of Doctors who currently provide diagnostic and/or post-diagnostic services for FASD is not held by NHS Tayside. (Q3)• Obstetrics budget is not detailed by speciality level and therefore this information is not available. (Q6)



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 addressed to:

Tayside NHS Board Secretary
Tayside NHS Board Headquarters
Ninewells Hospital & Medical School
Dundee
DD1 9SY

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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