

# NHS chief stands down days after data breach

**EXCLUSIVE:** Shock departure follows trust's apology for email leak

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The chief executive of NHS Tayside is to leave his post by the end of the year, The Courier has learned.

Grant Archibald, pictured, told colleagues at the beleaguered health board last week that he would retire in December after five

years in charge marked by a series of high-profile controversies.

News of his shock departure comes just days after a data breach at NHS Tayside which left staff "angry" and "distressed".

The trust was forced to apologise when an email



containing employees' details was mistakenly shared with workers in the corporate equalities team.

An NHS Tayside source insisted Mr Archibald's decision to step down was simply a matter of him reaching retirement age.

Mr Archibald was appointed as

chief executive in January 2019, joining from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

Before climbing the management ladder the Dundee-born health boss started out as a porter at Ninewells before securing a place on the National Graduate Trainee Programme.

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