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Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information which was received on 11 April 2023, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information:

1. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)
2. The total number of physical assaults on staff recorded that involved medical factors in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)
3. The total number of times physical injury to staff was recorded following physical assaults in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31). If possible, please break down the number of injuries reported by severe/major, moderate, and low/minor.
4. The total number of times restraint was used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).
5. The total number of times was seclusion used on a service user/patient following a physical assault on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).
6. Total number of criminal sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

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7. Total number of civil and administrative sanctions applied in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).
8. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as charge in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)
9. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as verbal warning in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)
10. The total number of times intended police action in relation to physical assaults on staff was recorded as no action in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)
11. The total number of times it was recorded that the victim did not want police to pursue the matter in relation to physical assaults on staff in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

Please see the notes section for background information on the requested information. Please let me know if you have any queries or need further clarification.

Please provide the information as a spreadsheet or CSV file

Notes:

- Assaults involving medical factors - the number of physical assaults where the perpetrator did not know what they were doing, or did not know what they were doing was wrong due to medical illness, mental ill health, severe learning disability or treatment administered, if noted.
- Restraint used - If in the course of a physical assault incident, the service user/patient had to be restrained - see: <http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=4203>
- Seclusion used - If in the course of a physical assault incident, seclusion was used for the service user/patient - see: <http://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alId=42033>
- Reported Criminal Sanctions include but are not limited to: Cautions & Conditional Cautions, Community Rehabilitation or Punishment Orders, Conditional Discharges, Fines, Fixed Penalty Notices, Imprisonment (including suspended sentences) and Restorative Justice - as per <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Governance/disclosure-log/Health%20and%20Safety/FOI%20-%2014405%20Reported%20Physical%20Assaults%202015-16.pdf>
- Reported Civil and Administrative Sanctions include but are not limited to: Acceptable Behaviour Agreements, Banning from Premises, Harassment Warning Issued, Injunction, Use of CJIA Powers, Violent Patient Scheme/History Marking Procedure and Warning Letters - as per <https://www.eastamb.nhs.uk/Governance/disclosure-log/Health%20and%20Safety/FOI%20-%2014405%20Reported%20Physical%20Assaults%202015-16.pdf>

- Suppression of small numbers - Previous ICO decision notices where a complaint was upheld in relation to Section 40: [Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#) and [Barts Health NHS Trust](#)

Powys Response:

Q1 Please see the table below for the total number of physical assaults on staff recorded in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31)

	2021/2022	2022/2023	Total
Patient/service user to staff	62	35	97
Total	62	35	97

Q3 Please see the table below for the total number of times physical injury to staff was recorded following physical assaults in 2021/22 and 2022/23 (financial years from April 1 to March 31).

	2021/2022	2022/2023	Total
Result in Injury 'Y' (Datix Web)	27	19	46
Total	27	19	46

Q2, 4 – 11. I can confirm that PTHB does not centrally collect this data. In order to answer your questions this would require a manual trawl of all patients' medical records and incidents. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive
 Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
 Glasbury House
 Bronllys Hospital
 Bronllys
 Brecon
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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 Churchill House,

Churchill Way,
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Yours sincerely



Claire Roche
Executive Director of Nursing & Midwifery