

Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.286

12 September 2023

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 14 August 2023, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does hold 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:

Please provide the following;

1. Copy of any policy regarding your position on single-sex ward provision
2. Confirmation of the meaning of 'single-sex' as applied to your wards
3. Clarify your position with regard to biological males who 'identify' as women and what your approach is to these being permitted or otherwise, on female single-sex wards
4. Clarify your position with vice versa to 3.
5. Provide a copy of any transgender staff policy

Powys Response:

Q1 Powys Teaching Health Board does not have a specific policy but adheres to the national guidance including the Welsh Health Building Notice 04-01. I can confirm that single sex bays are maintained on our adult in-patient general wards.

Q2 Single sex applies to the gender assigned to the person being admitted. Currently male/female accommodation is applied.

Q3 We are revisiting this as part of our review of policies and standard operating procedures. Currently our approach, if we admitted a biological male who identified as a woman, we would ensure, on an individual basis, appropriate facilities such as a single room with en-suite facilities.

Q4 We would apply the same approach as for Q3.

Q5 Powys Teaching Health Board does not have a specific policy but adhere to the national guidance as indicated in the response to Q1. We are planning to review this as part of our review of policies and standard operating procedures (see response to Q3).

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
Powys LD3 0LY

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
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff, CF10 2HH
Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Yours sincerely



Claire Roche
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