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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 3 July 2023, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not 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:

The request relates to children and young people that have Severe or Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (S/PMLD) and services provided by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) within your health board area.

S/PMLD may be defined within health as a Learning Disability (LD) and is defined on the NHS website as a person that:

- Has a severe learning disability and other disabilities that significantly affect their ability to communicate and be independent.
- Someone with a profound and multiple learning disability might have difficulties seeing, hearing, speaking and moving.
- They may have complicated health and social care needs due to these or other conditions.
- People with a profound and multiple learning disability need support to help them with some areas of their life, such as eating, washing or personal care.
- Lots of people with a profound and multiple learning disability can still be involved in decisions about themselves, do things they enjoy and be independent.

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- Some people who struggle with talking might be able to use other ways of communication, like sign language, Signalong, Makaton, or digital systems like picture exchange communication systems (PECS)

Information Requested for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022:

1. Number of children / young people with S/PMLD referred to your service (CAMHS)
2. Of those referred, how many were offered an appointment with a mental health practitioner?
3. Of those referred, how many were diagnosed with clinical depression?
4. Of those diagnosed, how many were treated with medication to alleviate their symptoms?
5. Of those diagnosed, how many were referred for interventions (e.g., talking therapies / counselling)?
For this group intervention may take the form of advice to family and schools rather than direct therapy or a positive behavioural support plan.
6. Of those referred, how many were referred by person with parental responsibility, school, GP?
7. What is the average waiting time from referral to initial assessment?
8. What specific assessment tools are used by practitioners to assess the mental health needs of children and young people with S/PMLD?

I have provided a template that I would be grateful if you would complete with the requested information.

Powys Response:

I can confirm that PTHB did not centrally collect this information for the time period requested. In order to answer your question would require a manual trawl of all patients' medical records. 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

2nd Floor,

Churchill House,

Churchill Way,

Cardiff, CF10 2HH

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Yours sincerely



Joy Garfitt

Director of Operations / Director of Community & Mental Health