

Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.260

4 August 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 26 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 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:

1. In the period 1st December 2022 to 30th June 2023, how many times did patients present at your general emergency/urgent care services with dental problems? Please can you state whether the response solely relates to major A&Es or whether any minor injury units have been included too? If you have any specialist facilities for dental treatment, please exclude these.

2. Provide a breakdown of this figure down by:

2a. Type of problem e.g. toothache, abscess/infection, loss of teeth, broken or loose teeth, gum disease/bleeding from the mouth, decay etc.

2b. The ages of the patients e.g. 0-9, 10-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-89, 90+.

2c. The gender of the patients.

Powys Response:

I can confirm that PTHB does not have accident and emergency departments, only Minor Injury Units.

Q1. Powys Teaching Local Health Board is not able to provide the level of detail as requested in 1a) and 1b) above because the number of attendances are so small. To provide such detailed information would render the individual claimants identifiable and as

such we have applied exemption Section 40(2) relating to Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in the Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act.

Q2a The types of problems were:

- Dental abscess
- Toothache

Q2b The patients ages ranged between 30–49.

Q2c Unable to provide – see response to Q1 above.

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:

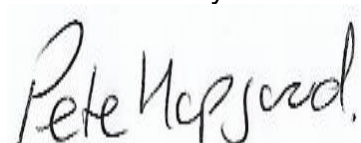
Chief Executive
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
Glasbury House
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Bronllys
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can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

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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Churchill Way,
Cardiff, CF10 2HH
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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



Pete Hopgood
Director of Finance, Information & IT Services

