



GIG  
CYMRU  
NHS  
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd  
Addysgu Powys  
Powys Teaching  
Health Board

Information Governance Team  
Hafren Ward  
Bronllys Hospital  
Bronllys  
Brecon  
Powys LD3 0LY  
Email: Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk  
Tel: 01686 252159/01874 442071

Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.394

5 December 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 15 November 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:

Postural tachycardia syndrome (PoTS) is a neurovascular condition characterised as an abnormal response by the autonomic nervous system to upright posture. The condition causes affected patients of all ages to experience a range of symptoms requiring extensive clinical investigations involving neurology and cardiology specialties to inform a positive diagnosis.

1. What is your estimate of the incidence of PoTS in the population of Powys and how many patients have been diagnosed with the condition over the last 5 years?
2. Is there evidence of a growth in PoTS diagnoses since May 2020 due to patients suffering with long-Covid?
3. To which specialty within secondary care are PoTS patients referred for investigation, diagnosis and longer-term management?
4. Are there established ICB patient pathways in place for the referral, diagnosis and management of a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients with PoTS in your local population?

Pencadlys  
Tŷ Glasbury, Ysbyty Bronllys,  
Aberhonddu, Powys LD3 0LU  
Ffôn: 01874 711661



Headquarters  
Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital  
Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU  
Tel: 01874 711661

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth Gymraeg  
Bwrdd Iechyd Addysgu Powys yw enw gweithred Bwrdd Iechyd Lleol  
Addysgu Powys



We welcome correspondence in Welsh  
Powys Teaching Health Board is the operational name of  
Powys Teaching Local Health Board

5. Do a) adult patients and b) paediatric patients diagnosed with PoTS have access to a specialised PoTS clinic or service for treatment by dedicated clinicians with an interest/expertise in the condition? If so, please provide details of individual adult and paediatric services patients are referred to.

6. How is activity coded for adult and paediatric patients with a diagnosis of PoTS?

Powys Response:

Q1 – 6 Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) can confirm they do not hold this information. Powys patients referred for this condition would be treated at one of our neighbouring district general hospitals. Please see the table below should you wish to contact them directly for this information:

<b>Health Board/Organisation</b>	<b>FOI Contact Details</b>
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	<a href="mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk">FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk</a>

<b>NHS Providers (England)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>
Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust	info@sath.nhs.uk
Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt NHS Trust	foi@rjah.nhs.uk
Gloucester NHS Trust	<a href="https://foi.glosnhs.net/secureforms/infomationrequestform/">https://foi.glosnhs.net/secureforms/infomationrequestform/</a>
Wye Valley NHS Trust	freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Churchill House,

Churchill Way,  
Cardiff, CF10 2HH

Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399

[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

[twitter.com/iconews](https://twitter.com/iconews)

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



**Kate Wright**  
**Medical Director**