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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 25 April 2024, 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 my response follows.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

We want to access data related to malnutrition, by which we mean recorded instances of the following ICD-10 Code Descriptions:

E41.X: Nutritional marasmus, Incl. Severe malnutrition with marasmus Excl. marasmic kwashiorkor

E42.X: Marasmic kwashiorkor Incl. Severe protein-energy malnutrition

E43.X: Unspecified severe protein-energy malnutrition Incl. Starvation oedema

E46.X: Unspecified protein-energy malnutrition Incl. Malnutrition NOS, Protein-energy imbalance NOS

We want the data to cover the period January 1, 2021, to date (including 2024 so far).

For each year we want to know:

1. The total overall number of diagnoses (whether primary or secondary) recorded
2. The total number of hospital admissions where a primary or secondary diagnosis of one of the above codes is recorded
3. The ages of the youngest and oldest patients in each category (question one and question two) in each year

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Powys Response:

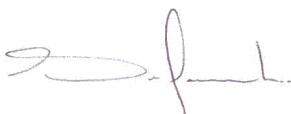
Q1 & Q2. I can confirm diagnoses are only routinely coded for admissions. Powys Teaching Health Board had two admissions from 1 January 2021 to 30 April 2024 where the requested ICD-10 codes referenced in your request have been recorded as either primary or secondary diagnoses.

Q3. PTHB is not able to provide the exact age of the patients due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing regarding Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test. However, under Section 16 of the FOIA under the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance we can confirm, the youngest patient was between fifty-five to sixty years of age and the oldest patient was between ninety to ninety-five years of age.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via [powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk)

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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**Interim Executive Director of Operations / Director of Community and Mental Health**

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.