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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 30 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:

I am making the following request under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. How many individuals are currently held or detained by your Trust under the Mental Health Act? If possible, could you provide details regarding the number and gender of patients held and which section of the Mental Health Act they are detained under?
2. Is it possible to provide statistics by the number and gender of persons held at specific hospitals or facilities under the supervision of your trust or operated by the trust?
3. How many seclusion suits or rooms exist and are operated by your Trust? What is the longest period an individual is currently detained in seclusion? For clarity, please provide the duration that an individual has been held in a room designated or used for seclusion.
4. Could you please provide a copy of your policy on using seclusion and any training material provided to staff regarding its use?
Can you provide a photograph of a typical seclusion room in use by your Trust (empty room)?

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5. How many individuals are currently held under the various sections of the Mental Health Act by your Trust? Please provide a breakdown by section of the individuals currently detained.

6. Please provide details of the type of devices or equipment used to restrain patients and the number of devices your Trust possesses. How frequently are these devices used, and what training is provided to staff regarding their usage? Please include details of the training materials and provide a copy if possible.

7. When a new patient is admitted under the Mental Health Act, are they provided with a patient handbook or similar document? If so, please provide a copy.

8. Does your Trust have any disciplinary policies regarding patients who misbehave or breach regulations or rules within your Trust policies? If so, could you please provide a copy of the policy or relevant documents?

9. Do patients currently held or detained under the Mental Health Act by your Trust have access to mobile telephones or the Internet? If so, could you provide a copy of the relevant information and policies regarding mobile phone and internet use provided to staff and patients?

For clarity and to provide some additional information to assist you with my Freedom of Information Act request, I am researching the number of persons held under the various Mental Health Act sections the conditions in which they are detained and the typical length of period of time.

Powys Response:

Q1 & Q2. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to provide the data requested due to the low numbers of individuals involved. 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 (FOIA) 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, I can confirm there are 7 patients currently held under the Mental Health Act (MHA) at this time. I am unable to provide the breakdown by section, gender or hospital as the patients could be identifiable. The 7 patients currently held are at one of the specific adult or older adult mental Health wards in PTHB.

Q3. PTHB does not have a seclusion room. There is an Extra Care Area (ECA), but patients are not secluded.

Q4. PTHB does not have a seclusion policy, the ECA policy is provided. Please see FOI 24.R.181 Attachment 1 - Felindre Ward Seclusion Protocol September 2023.

Q5. Please see my response above to Q1 & Q2.

Q6. PTHB do not use equipment to restrain patients.

Q7. Patients are provided with a handbook, please see FOI 24.R.181 Attachment 2 Patient information leaflet.

Q8. PTHB does not have any disciplinary policies regarding patients who misbehave or breach regulations or rules.

Q9. Please see FOI 24.R.181 Attachment 3 - Mobile phone protocol Felindre Ward July 2023.

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

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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