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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 8 August 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to the number of alleged incidents of sexual violence and sexual misconduct by patients on hospital staff that have been reported to the Powys Teaching Health Board in Wales in the past five years.

1. The number of incidents of sexual violence or sexual misconduct have been recorded by the Powys Teaching Health Board in the past five years that there is data for, with the data categorised into a) misconduct against staff: staff-on-staff, patient-on-staff, visitor-on-staff and b) misconduct against patient: staff-on-patient, patient-on-patient, visitor-on-patient.
2. The number of "sexual safety incidents" – a term which covers a spectrum of behaviour from abusive remarks to rape – recorded on NHS premises each year, for the past five years there is data for.
3. The number of these alleged sexual crimes on NHS premises that were reported to the police each year since 2018.
4. According to the BMJ, sexual safety policies are dedicated policies that set out how to safeguard staff, patients and visitors from harm and what processes to follow when cases are reported. What, if any, sexual safety policies does the Powys Teaching Health Board have in place?

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Powys Teaching Health Board is the operational name of
Powys Teaching Local Health Board

It would be great to receive the data in pdf form if possible, and for points 1-3, data from the past five years for which there is data.

Powys Response:

Q1a & Q1b. Please see the table below for data held over the last five years: Please note, due to low numbers involved we have been unable to provide the data broken down as requested, however, we have provided this data in a less identifiable format.

Misconduct	Number of incidents recorded
Staff-on-staff, patient-on-staff, visitor-on-staff, staff-on-patient, patient-on-patient, visitor-on-patient	9

Q2. Please see the table below for the number of sexual safety incidents recorded on Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) NHS premises for the years requested. As noted above, we are unable to break this down for the years requested. However, we have provided this data in a less identifiable format.

Year	2019 - 2021	2022 - 2023
Number of incidents	10	8

Q3. Please see the table below for the number of incidents of alleged sexual crimes reported to the Police.

Year	2018 - 2023
Number of alleged sexual crimes reported to the police	Less than 5

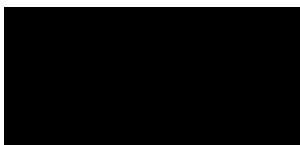
PTHB is unable to provide the number of alleged sexual crimes reported to the police due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK 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.

Q4. I can confirm PTHB does not have a specific sexual safety policy.

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