

Our ref: IG/FOI/24.R.311

22 August 2024

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) partly holds 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:

Please find our freedom of information request attached, we look forward to hearing from you within the timescales of the FOI Act.

Asthma

1. What services does your health board provide for people with severe or suspected severe asthma?
2. How often do those services attend meetings with other similar services in other health boards?
3. How many patients in your health board area are diagnosed with either severe or uncontrolled asthma?

Winter pressures

4. What provisions is your health board making to ensure it does not receive additional unnecessary respiratory admissions during the Winter season.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not provide services for patients with severe or suspected severe asthma. Patients are referred to our neighbouring District General Hospitals (DGH). PTHB does not have a respiratory consultant to oversee these services.

Q2. Not applicable.

Q3. I can confirm, Powys Teaching Health Board does not keep records of patients who are diagnosed with either severe or uncontrolled asthma. For General Practitioner's (GP) data you will need to contact the GP Practices directly for this information. The link below provides Powys GP contact details:
[General Practices - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

Q4. Colleagues within the Health Board remind patients with long term respiratory conditions during every contact either at home or at the clinic the importance of vaccinations (flu, covid, pneumonia and shingles). Patients are provided with self-management plans and education, patients are offered Pulmonary Rehabilitation, and are recommended to download the All-Wales Respiratory Apps and offered referral to stop smoking services if they are still smoking.

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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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.