

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.133.24

23 December 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 2 December 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:

I am writing to submit an FOI request about Hepatitis B and D within your Trust.

1a. How many Hepatitis B surface antigen positive (HBsAg, ICD 10 codes B18.0 and B18.1) patients do you have registered with the trust?

2b. How many of these patients have been seen in the last 12 months?

3. How many patients have been registered in the last year with a new diagnosis of chronic HBV (ICD-10 codes B18.0 and B18.1) at the trust?

4a. How many HDV patients (ICD 10 code B18.0 - chronic viral hepatitis B with delta agent) do you have registered with the trust?

4b. How many of these patients have been seen in the last 12 months?

4c. How many of these patients have ever been treated with pegylated interferon (PEG IFN)?

Powys Response:

Please see the following link to the Annual Blood Borne Virus Report produced by Public Health Wales which will include data for Powys up to December 2023.

phw.nhs.wales/publications/publications1/trends-in-the-prevention-diagnosis-and-treatment-of-blood-borne-viruses-in-wales-hepatitis-b-hepatitis-c-and-hiv/

Please Note: Any Powys resident positive for Hepatitis B will be treated through services commissioned by Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) in Health Boards who provide secondary care services (BBV Teams).

I can confirm PTHB does not hold this data relating to Hepatitis B and D status of patients, or information relating to their diagnosis or care in which they may have received. Individual patient information regarding Hepatitis B and D status and care is held directly by the General Practitioner contractors.

PTHB does not keep a register of diagnosis. We are only able to identify individuals who have been treated as inpatients.

Q1. The Health Board does not keep a register of diagnoses.

- 33 patients had ICD 10 codes B18.0 and B18.
- 1 recorded when receiving an episode of inpatient care as a patient of PTHB. This care may have taken place in another Health Board.

Q2b. Three of these patients were inpatients in the last 12 months. This may not have been related to Hepatitis.

Q3. I can confirm 0 patients have been recorded with this code in the last year when receiving an episode of inpatient care as a patient of PTHB. This includes care taking place in another Health Board.

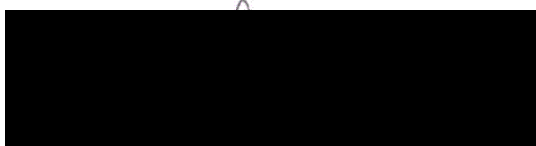
Q4a. I can confirm 0 patients have been recorded with this code when receiving an episode of inpatient care as a patient of PTHB. This includes care taking place in another Health Board.

Q4b& 4c. Not applicable based on response to Q4a.

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.