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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 January 2024 and subsequent clarification received on 22 January 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

We are conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and will be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2023.

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

Data required (for period between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023).

1. We require the gender of the Patient (M or F), the date they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50" "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.
2. To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e. 2023.

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3. Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

Clarification Requested:

Please note that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have Accident and Emergency departments only Minor Injury Units (MIU's). PTHB only operate with Minor Injury Units in Powys so our reattendance numbers are significant. Therefore, please can you clarify whether:

You require reattendance data to be included in Q1 & Q2? Or
You require just the initial attendance after the recorded assault?

Clarification Received:

We request just the initial attendance after the recorded assault.

Powys Response:

Q1 & Q3 Please see FOI 24.R.004 Attachment 1 for data on assault attendances at Powys Minor Injury Unit.

Powys Teaching Local Health Board is not able to provide the level of detail as requested in Q1 & Q3 because the number of assault attendances are so low. To provide such detailed information would render the individual identifiable and as such we have applied exemption Section 40(2) relating to Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in the Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act.

In our duty to advise and assist under Section 16, there were a total of 43 attendees across our sites and a link is provided below confirming which of our sites in Powys provide MIU services:

[Choose Minor Injury Unit - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare/choose-minor-injury-unit-powys-teaching-health-board)

Q2 In calendar year 2023 there were 14181 new attendances to Powys Minor Injury Units. This number does not include follow up attendances.

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
Glasbury House
Bronllys Hospital
Bronllys
Brecon
Powys LD3 0LY

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales

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Churchill House,

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vicki Cooper', written in a cursive style.

Vicki Cooper
Chief Digital Information Officer