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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 23 May 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:

1. How many patients has your trust treated in the past six months (for any disease) with the following drugs:

Drug Name	Patient Number
Aubagio (teriflunomide)	
Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	
Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	
Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	
Gilenya (fingolimod)	
Kesimpta (ofatumumab)	
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	
Mavenclad (cladribine)	
Mayzent (siponimod)	
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)	
Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)	
Ponvory (ponesimod)	
Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	

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Tysabri (natalizumab)	
Tysabri (natalizumab) Pre-filled syringes only	
Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)	
Zeposia (ozanimod)	

2. How many patients has you trust treated with Rituximab for MS (Multiple Sclerosis) in the past six months?

3. How many patients within your trust have a diagnosis of MS (Multiple Sclerosis)?

4. Of the patients with a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis, how many patients have a diagnosis of:

Condition	Patient Number
RRMS – Relapse Remitting Multiple Sclerosis	
PPMS – Primary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	
SPMS – Secondary Progressive Multiple Sclerosis	

Powys Response:

Q1 & Q2. I can confirm this information is not held by the health board as Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not initiate or continue treatment with the medicines included in the FOI request. Patients requiring access to these medicines would be referred to and treated by specialist providers outside Powys. We therefore recommend that you approach our providers for this information directly:

Health Trust/ Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	<a href="mailto:ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net">ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net</a>
Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	<a href="mailto:FOI@mpft.nhs.uk">FOI@mpft.nhs.uk</a>
Robert Jones Agnes Hunt	<a href="mailto:riah.foi@nhs.net">riah.foi@nhs.net</a>
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	<a href="mailto:swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net">swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net</a>
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust	<a href="https://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/make-an-enquiry/">https://www.sath.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/make-an-enquiry/</a>
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	<a href="mailto:rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net">rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net</a>
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	<a href="mailto:wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net">wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net</a>
Wye Valley NHS trust	<a href="https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests.aspx">https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests.aspx</a>
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Hywel Dda University Health Board	<a href="mailto:FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk">FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk</a>
Swansea Bay University Health Board	<a href="mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk">FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk</a>
Velindre University Health Board	<a href="mailto:Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk">Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk</a>

Q3. Since 2017, I can confirm there have been 72 patients who have been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) within Powys Teaching Health Board.

Please note: this figure is only based on patients who have been admitted (as outpatients are not all coded) and those who present themselves to us; thus, the question can only be partially answered. A full list of patients with a diagnosis of MS who reside in Powys, would be held by GP's and you would need to contact them directly. The link below provides Powys GP contact details: [General Practices - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthboard/powys/our-services/primary-care/)

Q4. The clinical codes for the conditions listed above are from ICD-11 clinical coding. PTHB currently uses ICD-10 standard and therefore we cannot answer this question.

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](mailto: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.