

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.115.24

12 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 20 November 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 my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Please provide the following data on potent synthetic opioids, in particular fentanyl and nitazene, for the period between January 1st, 2019 to the current date, broken down by calendar year. Please send me:

1. The total number of deaths where nitazenes and fentanyl were identified or suspected from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year.
2. Any data on reported overdoses and hospitalisations where nitazenes and fentanyl were identified or suspected from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year.
3. Provide the number of cases in which nitazenes and fentanyl were recorded in toxicology reports for patients attending healthcare facilities between January 1st, 2019 to the current date.
4. Please provide copies of any reports, surveys, or risk assessments on nitazenes conducted by or shared with your health authority during January 1st, 2019 to the current date.

Please could you provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet (csv or xlsx) – that would be super helpful

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Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm there have been no suspected or confirmed drug related deaths directly related to Nitazines reported to Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) from 2019 to present day.

Q2 Fentanyl and Nitazenes do not have specific ICD-10 codes, only codes for generalised Opioid poisoning. We are therefore unable to accurately respond to this question. Work is however in progress to enable us to collect this data in the future.

Q3. I can confirm the toxicology reports received since 2019 have not indicated the presence of Nitazines in any notified deaths to the Health Board.

Q4. PTHB is a statutory member of the Powys area planning board (APB). APB are mandated by the Welsh Government (WG) to plan and commission substance misuse services at a local level and to work collaboratively to reduce harm. There have been recent events held that have considered the prevalence and impact of Nitazenes and other synthetic opioids and joint work to tackle and mitigate this impact.

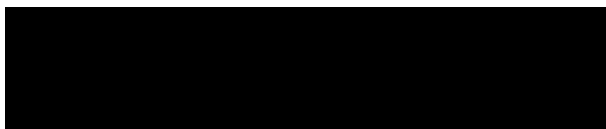
I can confirm there are currently no specific reports, surveys or risk assessments that PTHB has specifically undertaken or commissioned to provide. You may wish to contact Powys County Council (PCC) who chair the APB and who may be able to share more information via the below link.

[Make a Freedom of Information request \(or EIR\) - Powys County Council](#)

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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.