

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.088.24

11 November 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 5 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 not 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:

Hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) clinical nurses serve patients with complex and life-threatening malignant and benign pancreatic and biliary diseases. They work in a variety of geographical areas, specialist services and at different levels of practice. They may have different job titles, for example HPB or Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) or HPB or Upper GI Advanced Nurse/ Clinical Practitioners (ANP/ACP) or HPB or Upper GI Nurse Consultant. Whilst the value of clinical nurse specialists (CNS) and advanced nursing roles is well recognised in the management of long-term conditions and cancer, there is no published data to support the specialist work performed by HPB nurses. I would like to request the following information from the health board:

1. How many HPB or Upper GI nurses (including CNS/ANP/ACP/Nurse consultants) are currently employed at the health board?

Powys Response:

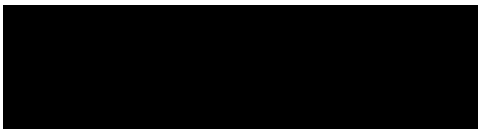
Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have district general hospital services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services in District General Hospitals (DGH) provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England.

I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have any Hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) clinical nurses or Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) clinical nurses employed within the Health Board.

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.