

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.092.24

14 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 6 November 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 appreciate this is a longshot, but I would like to make an FOI request for any Wales specific stats you have regarding medicinal cannabis, please?

It would be great to hear how often it has been prescribed on NHS Wales since its legalisation in 2018.

Powys Response:

Medical cannabis has not been prescribed by clinicians employed by Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB).

We have reviewed the records we hold and identified the following prescriptions of Sativex Oromucosal Spray 10ml (90 dose) by GP practices in Powys:

Year	Number of Sativex® issued by GP practices
2018 (April – December)	21
2019	26
2020	20
2021	25
2022	25
2023	27
2024 (January – August)	16

PTHB does not hold information regarding the prescribing of medicinal cannabis to Powys residents by secondary or tertiary care providers outside Powys. Information regarding the prescription of medical cannabis to Powys residents by secondary or tertiary care providers would need to be requested from the relevant provider. The main providers of secondary and tertiary care to Powys residents are as follows:

Health Trust/ Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk
Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation Trust	Rjah.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net
Health Board/ Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bca.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Velindre University Health Board	Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk

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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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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.