

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.102.24

19 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 8 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 respond to the following questions in line with the 2000 Freedom of Information Act:

1. How many clinical coders are employed by the Trust?
2. Who is responsible for the clinical coding team and who does that individual report into?
3. What did the Trust spend on external coding support in the 2023-2024 financial year?
4. What is the current coding backlog?
5. How many Finished Consultant Episodes does the Trust complete per year?
6. How many vacancies does the Trust currently have for clinical coding staff?

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) currently employs 4 clinical coders.

Q2. I can confirm the Data Manager is responsible for the clinical coding team. The Data Manager reports to the Chief Data Officer.

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Q3. PTHB did not spend on external coding support in the 2023-24 financial year.

Q4. I can confirm there is no coding backlog.

Q5. I can confirm the number of finished consultant episodes completed last financial year (2023/24) was 3603.

Q6. PTHB does not have any vacancies for clinical coding staff.

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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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.