

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.105.24

26 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 11 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:

I am writing to submit a new FOI request about mental health services within your Health Board.

1a. In the last 12 months (of data), in total how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders (F20-F29 inclusive) were managed by your Health Board.

1b. In the last 12 months (of data), in total how many patients diagnosed Schizophrenia (F20 only) were managed by your Health Board.

Your answers will be used to inform plans to potentially support Early Intervention Psychosis or Community Mental Health teams. If information is available by type of service, and can be reported within the time limit, please also consider the following questions for patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders (F20- F29 inclusive).

2a. In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders have been treated within each of the following services:

- Early Intervention Psychosis service team
- Community Mental Health Team

2b. In the last 3 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia had no change to the antipsychotic medication within each of the following services. This includes patients with no change in dose.

- Early Intervention Psychosis service team
- Community Mental Health Team

3a. In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders were discharged to primary care from each of the following services?

- Early Intervention Psychosis service team
- Community Mental Health Team

3b. In the last 12 months (of data), how many patients with Schizophrenia and other non-mood disorders were discharged from the Early Intervention Psychosis service team to the Community Mental Health Team

Powys Response:

Q1a – Q3b. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to answer this request as we do not code the diagnosis of outpatients. Any patients managed by PTHB in the community would have their diagnosis recorded in their patient notes. In order to answer your question this would require a manual trawl of associated medical records. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

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.