

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.079.24

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 29 October 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:

I am submitting a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information:

1. Total Falls by Hospital: The total number of inpatient falls by hospital, covering the last five years?
2. Total Falls by Ward: The total number of inpatient falls by ward, covering the last five years?
3. Contact for Falls Leads: A list of NHS email addresses for falls leads/ groups within the trust or the individuals responsible for fall prevention?
4. Falls Compensation Claims: The average annual compensation paid out by the trust in relation to inpatient falls over the past five years?
5. Absconded Patients by Ward: The number of inpatients who absconded from wards (defined as leaving without informing staff, resulting in a missing person status) by ward, covering the last five years?
6. Absconding Compensation Claims: The average annual compensation paid out by the trust in relation to absconding incidents over the past five years?

7. One-to-One Support for Fall Risk Patients: The average cost per patient, per day, for one-to-one support provided to patients at risk of falls?

For questions 1, 2, and 5, could you please provide the data in table format, sorted by hospital and ward, with the total number of incidents per year up to and including this year?

Powys Response:

Q1. Please see the table below for the total number of inpatient falls by hospital, over the last five years.

Hospital	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Brecon	83	92	63	66	67
Bronllys	40	50	44	37	37
Newtown	32	60	48	36	40
Ystradgynlais	86	58	49	68	52
Llanidloes	38	43	54	50	50
Welshpool	63	63	90	74	58
Llandrindod Wells	54	46	48	43	82
Machynlleth	23	26	27	34	36
Total	419	438	423	408	422

Q2. Please see the table below for the total number of inpatient falls by ward over the last five years.

Ward	Year				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Llewellyn Ward	40	47	37	32	28
Crug Ward	3	8	5	0	0
Epynt Ward	54	48	43	33	39
Y Bannau Ward	26	36	15	33	28
Felindre Ward	0	3	7	5	9
Claerwen Ward	45	42	38	39	66
Clywedog Ward	9	4	10	4	16
Graham Davies Ward	38	43	54	50	50
Twymyn Ward	23	26	27	34	36
Brynheulog Ward	32	60	48	36	40
Maldwyn Ward	63	63	90	74	58
Adelina Patti Ward	33	28	39	23	24
Tawe Ward	53	30	10	45	28
Total	419	438	423	408	422

Q3. I can confirm the individual responsible for fall prevention for community falls is our Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist - Falls and Vestibular Rehab. You may wish to contact our falls lead via the below email address.
Powys.Fallspreventionqueries@wales.nhs.uk

I can confirm the individual responsible for fall prevention for inpatient areas is the head of nursing. You may wish to contact our falls lead via the following email address. Powys.Geninfo@wales.nhs.uk

Q4. I can confirm the average annual compensation paid out by the Health Board in relation to inpatient falls over the past five years was £150.

Q5. Please see the table below for the number of inpatients who absconded from wards.

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to provide these exact numbers broken down by the ward due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

However, under Section 16 of the FOIA under the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, we have provided the figures by the years requested.

Number of inpatients who absconded from wards	Year			
	2021	2022	2023	2024
	9	29	12	17

Q6. I can confirm there have been no compensation paid out by the Health Board in relation to absconding incidents over the past five years

Q7. I can confirm PTHB does not have the data that allows us to understand costs of one-to-one support to patients at risk of falls. We do occasionally put on additional staffing to support complex patients on wards, but this will be for a range of patients and range of risks/ complexities.

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.