

Our ref: IG/FOI.015.24

25 September 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 September 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Please find below a freedom of information request relating to the treatment and management of patients with Lupus.

Question 1: Does Powys Teaching Health Board treat patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis)?	Yes/No
	If No, please see question 2. If Yes, please see questions 3 & 4
Question 2: If Powys Teaching Health Board does not treat Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis) are patients referred to a tertiary/ specialist treatment centre?	Yes/No
	If Yes, please state which treatment centre.
Treatment Centre:	
Question 3: Does Powys Teaching Health Board have local guidelines/ clinical pathways/ protocols (including shared care protocols) for the treatment of patients diagnosed with Lupus	Yes/No
	If Yes, please can a copy be provided

(systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis)?	
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Question 4: How many patients were treated at Powys Teaching Health Board for Lupus using belimumab in 2023?	
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Question 5: How many patients were treated at Powys Teaching Health Board for Lupus using rituximab in 2023?	
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Question 6: How many patients were treated at Powys Teaching Health Board for Lupus using voclosporin in 2023?	
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Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not treat patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis).

Q2, Q4 – Q6. 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. PTHB residents access these services in Cardiff & Vale Health Board and Wye Valley NHS Trust. I therefore recommend you contact them directly for this information, via the following contact details:

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

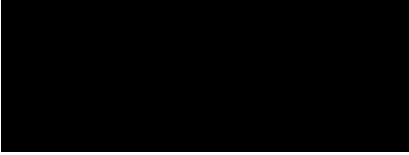
Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Wye Valley NHS Trust	freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

Q3. I can confirm that PTHB does not have any guidelines/ clinical pathways/ protocols for the treatment of patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis).

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