

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.024.24

11 October 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 16 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 my response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Oxygen therapy

1. How many patients in your health board are currently using oxygen therapy for a respiratory condition?

I can confirm there are 187 home oxygen prescriptions in place.

2. What percentage of patients considered for long term oxygen therapy have had a standard assessment in line with British Thoracic Society Guidance?

All adult patients with home oxygen for hypoxia on the respiratory service caseload are assessed and followed up in line with the British Thoracic Society (BTS) and All Wales guidelines.

Biologic therapy

1. What percentage of those with severe or uncontrolled asthma have been prescribed biologic therapy?

I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board does (PTHB) not use biologic therapy to treat severe asthma within the health. PTHB commissions services from several Welsh health boards and English provider organisations. I therefore recommend that you contact the providers from whom the health board commissions services:

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The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
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Tuberculosis

1. Who are your clinical or corporate leads for tuberculosis?

I can confirm PTHB does not have a clinical or corporate lead for tuberculosis. These roles are commissioned into the health board.

2. Can you confirm there is a plan at health board level for managing an outbreak of TB?

I can confirm the Welsh Government 'Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales is a single framework agreed for managing all communicable disease outbreaks with public health implications across Wales, and can be accessed through the following hyperlink on Public Health Wales website:

[Outbreak Management - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](#)


3. Please provide a copy of the plan for managing an outbreak of TB.

Please see response to question 2 above.

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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.