

Our ref: IG/FOI.025.24

2 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) 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:

This is an information request relating to Botox treatments administered by the NHS. Please include the following information for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

1. Total expenditure by the NHS on Botox treatments (Botulinum toxin injections) for all purposes, including cosmetic and medical treatments, for each financial year.
2. Total number of people that received Botox treatments for each financial year.
3. A breakdown of the spending on Botox treatments by medical necessity (e.g., for conditions such as chronic migraines, muscle spasms, excessive sweating, etc.) versus cosmetic purposes (if any such spending is applicable).
 - In this breakdown include where on the body the treatment was administered.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) use botulinum toxin injections in our spasticity clinics. Please see the table below for PTHB expenditure for botulinum toxin injections ordered into the health board for use in our clinics:

Financial year	Spend
2020/21	£7,288.39
2021/22	£2,318.34
2022/23	£6077.04
2023/24	£23,722.70

Powys patients may also access botulinum toxin injections from neighbouring NHS providers outside Powys. NHS services are commissioned by PTHB from the providers below, should you wish to access Powys patient data from them directly, please do so via their contact details:

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Velindre University NHS Trust	foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucester Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.foi@nhs.net
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net
Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

Q2. Please see the table below for the number of patients that received Botulinum toxin injections treatments for each of the financial years requested.

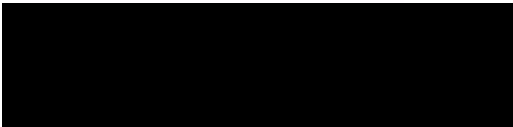
Year	Number of New Contacts	Number of Follow Up Contacts
2020/21	0	0
2021/22	1	1
2022/23	0	1
2023/24	5	2
2024/25	19	8

Q3. I can confirm all the spend relates to spasticity within the health board. It is not used for cosmetic reasons.

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.