

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.291.25

23 April 2025

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 15 April 2025, 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 would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food. Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 April 2020 and the most recent date for which data is available. Please could you provide the following:

- a. A yearly breakdown of the number of cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.
- b. The type of wild food that caused the food poisoning (for example: fungi, plant, berries, etc...). Please include the specific species if known.
- c. The symptoms experienced by the patient and the recovery time (for example: overnight stay or discharged within a couple hours)
- d. The location where this food was picked.

We would define 'wild or foraged' foods to be either:

- a. Wild, naturally growing food which was picked and consumed by an individual
- b. Wild, naturally growing food which was consumed by an individual, but was served in a restaurant environment, having been picked in the wild within the UK.

If you need to carry out a key terms search to locate these records, please include the terms "foraged", "foraging", "wild food", "forager", "wild ingredients". If you would document these cases in another way, please include these results as per the spirit of my request.

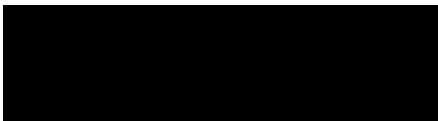
Powys Response:

Qa – Qd. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) are unable to provide the information requested regarding cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food. PTHB record food poisoning as a diagnostic code, but not the cause of the food poisoning. Therefore, I am unable to provide the breakdown as requested.

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 [Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Powys.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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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.