

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.461.25

03 September 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 08 August 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 each question individually.

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

I wish to submit the following Freedom of Information Requests to your organisation. The FoI search should cover the last 12 months only.

Q1. Please could you provide me with a copy of the original data and impact assessment used to prepare your response to the Welsh Government's review of the smacking ban?

I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has not been asked to share data or provide an impact assessment to the Welsh Government's review of the smacking ban. We are aware that Welsh Government led the public campaigns building up to and following the introduction of the Act and the Local Authority, Powys County Council (PCC) have led on the implementation of data collection. You may wish to contact PCC for further information at information.compliance@powys.gov.uk.

Q2. Please could you provide me with a copy of all correspondence from the Welsh Government relating to the request for data/ evidence and what should and should be included? - **Not applicable. Please see question 1.**

Q3. Please can you provide me with all internal correspondence between member of the senior management relating to the smacking ban and its impact?

Not applicable. Please see question 1.

Q4. Please can you provide me with copies of your organisation's guidance on dealing with complaints involving smacking? **PTHB does not have specific guidance involving smacking.**

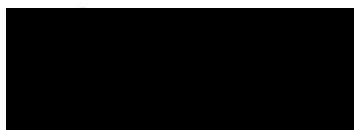
Q5. Please can you provide me with the number of reports your organisation has received relating to smacking involving either a) staff members or b) members of the public? - **I can confirm that no reports relating to smacking involving members of staff or members of the public have been received over the last 12 months.**

Q6. Finally, please can you send copies of all internal emails from your communications/PR department to the senior management team relating to how to handle inquiries into smacking cases? - **Not applicable. Please see question 1.**

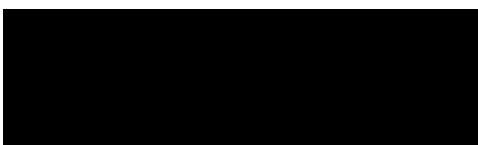
Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk

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.