

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.465.25

12 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 14 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 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 and Powys Response (Bold):

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding childhood immunisation claims (Item of Service payments) submitted as part of the nationally directed Enhanced Services (DES) or any local Enhanced Services (LES) relating to childhood vaccinations:

Q1. Since April 2021, how many GP practices within your Health Board area have submitted childhood vaccination claims (e.g. for MMR, 6-in-1, etc) after the official submission deadline? - **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) pay supplementary service claims up to 6 years of the activity taking place. However, we encourage timely claiming which is usually the first submission onto the Family Practitioner Payment System (FPPS) following the end of the quarter of the activity taking place. Prior to FPPS, submission was to the Open Exeter system. The below data refers to activity that has been paid (usually) due to a resubmission of data onto FPPS due to the data rejection by the system. For clarity a late claim will relate to a claim which has been rejected by the FPPS system rather than being refused by PTHB.**

Financial year	GP practices who have submitted claims after the official submission deadline
2021/2022	No claims however this may be due to the switch from Open Exeter to FPPS
2022/2023	4 practices

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2023/2024	2 practices
2024/2025	4 practices
2025/2026	1 practice

Please Note: The claims for childhood immunisations are managed by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) via the FPPS where the information is uploaded directly by the Practices. For further information, please contact NWSSP via the following email address: shared.services@wales.nhs.uk

Q2. Of those late claims:

- a) How many were accepted and paid in full - **All, but please note the explanation in question 1 as to the definition of 'late'.**
- b) How many were rejected - **0.**
- c) How many were appealed, and what were the outcomes - **Not applicable.**

Q3. If any late claims were accepted, please outline:

- a) The circumstances or grounds under which they were approved. - **Late childhood immunisations is not an issue for us at PTHB, therefore no formal process in place to consider. Should an issue arise, it will be managed on a case-by-case basis.**

- b) Whether your Health Board applies any formal or informal discretion policy for late claim submissions. - **Not required to date.**

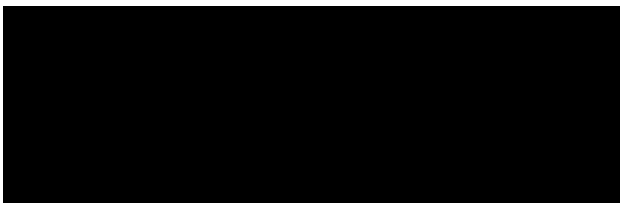
Q4. Does your Health Board have a specific written policy or guidance covering how late Enhanced Service claims (especially childhood vaccinations) are managed, including appeal procedures? Can you provide a copy? - **All contractual matters, including those relating to Supplementary Services, fall within the remit of our General Medical Services (GMS) Contract Assurance Group. Items for discussion and decision would be tabled for that forum as and when required.**

Powys Teaching Health Board do not have submission deadlines for Enhanced (Supplementary) Services. We prefer practices to claim in a timely manner e.g. in the month after a quarter end but would not consider rejecting a claim unless it was over 6 years' old.

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.