

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.153.25

17 January 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 6 January 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:

I am conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and will be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2024. The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

Data required (for period between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024).

1. We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.
2. To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2024.
3. Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

Powys Response:

Please note Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have Accident and Emergency Departments. We have therefore based our response on data captured within our Minor Injury Units (MIU) - see FOI.153.25 Attachment 1.

Q1 & Q3. PTHB can confirm that our response remains the same as your previous request FOI 24.R.004.

Powys Teaching Local Health Board is not able to provide the level of detail requested in Q1 and Q3 because the number of assault attendances are so low. To provide such detailed information would render the individual identifiable and as such we have applied exemption Section 40(2) relating to Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in the Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act.

In our duty to advise and assist under Section 16, there were a total of 55 attendees across our sites and a link is provided below confirming which of our sites in Powys provide Minor Injury Units (MIU) services:

[Choose Minor Injury Unit - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

Q2. I can confirm during 2024, there was 13,965 attendances to Powys MIU. Please Note: This number does not include follow up attendances.

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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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.