

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.167.25

11 February 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 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:

Please can you provide statistics for:

1. A count of finished consultant episodes (FCEs) with an external cause code of bitten or struck by a dog, 2007-08 to 2023-24 and partial year data for April 2024 to the end of December 2024.
2. A count of finished consultant episodes (FCEs) with an external cause code of bitten or struck by a dog, with a main or secondary operative procedure for repair/closure of skin and reconstruction surgery by age group, 2007-08 to 2023-24 and partial year data for April 2024 to the end of December 2024.

Powys Response:

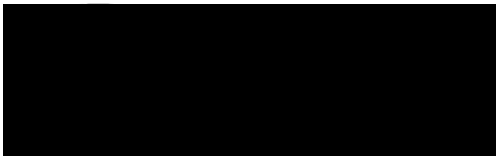
Q1. As a provider, Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) can confirm from 2007 to date there has been one inpatient admission with a recorded diagnosis of being bitten or struck by a dog. Please Note: This excluded any presentations to Powys Minor Injury Units (MIU) as PTHB does not have a specific code for dog bites and attacks, the closest grouping we have is animal bites and may not encompass all cases. Therefore, we are unable to answer this question with certainty and any numbers provided may be misleading.

Q2. For the individual above, I can confirm there was no main or secondary operative procedure for repair or closure of the skin.

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.