

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.414.25

20 August 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 18 July 2025 and subsequent clarification received on 28 July 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 but have applied an exemption to elements of this request.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I would like to request the following data:

Q1. The total number of live births recorded at your trust for the year 2024.

Q2. The total number of stillbirths recorded at your trust for the year 2024. (Stillbirths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: a baby born after 24 weeks of pregnancy showing no signs of life.)

Q3. The total number of neonatal deaths recorded at your trust for the year 2024. (Neonatal deaths as defined by the Office for National Statistics: The death of a liveborn baby within the first 28 days of life.)

If possible, could you please provide this information in spreadsheet format for clarity and ease of use. If any part of the data is not available, please indicate this in your response.

Clarification Requested:

Please can you confirm if you require the information for the Powys population or the live births, stillbirths and neonatal deaths for Powys Teaching Health Board as a provider.

Clarification response:

To clarify I am requesting the live births, stillbirths and neonatal deaths for Powys Teaching Health Board as a provider.

Powys Response:

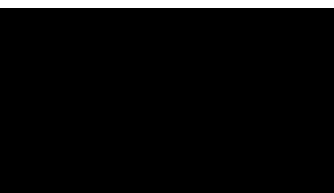
Q1. I can confirm the total number of live births recorded at Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) for 2024 was 912.

Q2 & Q3. PTHB is unable to provide these exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved. PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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



Amie Symes
Director of Midwifery, Women and Family

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.