

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.415.25

01 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 21 July 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partially holds 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):

Q1. I would like to know the total number of individuals diagnosed annually — from 2010 to the present — within Powys Teaching Health Board's area for the following conditions, broken down by year and diagnosis type:

- Alzheimer's Disease
- Vascular Dementia
- Lewy Body Dementia
- Other dementia subtypes (including Mixed Dementia, Frontotemporal Dementia, etc.)
- Mild Cognitive Impairment (or Cognitive Degeneration, if recorded under a general heading)

If the above information is only available through GP disease registers or memory assessment service data, please clarify this in your response. I would appreciate any aggregated data, clinical coding summaries (e.g. READ codes or SNOMED terms), or reporting frameworks used to classify these diagnoses.

The table below highlights the total number of individuals diagnosed with dementia annually from 01 January 2023 to date. Please note that systems were not in place to record this information prior to 2023 so we are unable to provide data for 2010-2022.

	2023	2024	2025
Alzheimer's Disease	188	422	175
Vascular Dementia	14	65	46
Lewy Body Dementia	13	38	21
Other dementia subtypes	55	65	32
Mild Cognitive Impairment	50	194	90

Please see the table below for diagnoses recorded using either READ codes or ICD10 codes as below:

	READ code(s)	ICD10 code(s)
Alzheimer's Disease	Eu00	F00.0, F00.1, F00.2, F00.9, G30.0, G30.1, G30.8, G30.9
Vascular Dementia	Eu01	F01.0, F01.1, F01.2, F01.3, F01.8, F01.9
Lewy Body Dementia	Eu025	F02.8, G31.8,
Other dementia subtypes	Eu02Z, Eu002	F02.0, F02.1, F02.2, F02.3, F02.4, F02.8
Mild Cognitive Impairment	Eu057	F06.7

Q2. In addition, I would like to understand whether it is correct that Powys Teaching Health Board has shifted to recording only general "Cognitive Degeneration" diagnoses rather than specifying dementia subtypes such as Alzheimer's or Vascular Dementia. I have been informed this may be occurring as a cost- or responsibility-saving measure, and would appreciate clarification on this practice and any policy decisions underpinning it.

I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is still using ICD10 and READ codes to specify dementia subtypes and has not shifted to recording only general "Cognitive Degeneration" diagnoses.

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.