

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.426.25

19 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 25 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information. The request relates to home enteral tube feeding, which is a way of providing nutrition to people who can't eat and drink normally. Dietitians within your organisation will likely be best placed to help with this information request.

Q1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes?

Q2. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023 - 31-12-2024?

a. Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period).

b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3. years etc.)

Q3. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*?

a. Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+.

b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)

Q4. Does your organisation have the following:

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Tŷ Glasbury, Ysbyty Bronllys,
Aberhonddu, Powys LD3 0LU
Ffôn: 01874 711661



Headquarters
Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital
Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU
Tel: 01874 711661

- a. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting
- b. Local blended diet policy – Community setting
- c. Blended diet guideline
- d. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure
- e. Blended diet training package
- f. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy.

Q5. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)?

- a. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding.

*A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with a commercial formula.

Please could this be provided in Excel format. I have attached a template for your convenience. Any other electronic format would be welcome.

Powys Response:

Q1, Q2a, Q4 & Q5. Please see FOI.426.25 Attachment 1 for Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) response.

Q2b. I can confirm that PTHB does not collect figures on caseload numbers by age. In order to answer your question this would require a manual trawl of associated records from 01 January 2023 to 31 December 2024. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance, please see the table below for the caseload number by age breakdown for the timeframe requested:

Age	Caseload number
0-17	44
18-34	9
35-49	8
50-64	38
65-74	44
75+	31

Q3a & Q3b. I can confirm that this information is not reported at present.

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



David Farnsworth
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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.