

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.349.25

18 July 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 3 June 2025, and subsequent clarification received on 20 June 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds 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 writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request access to specific data regarding unemployment and mental health within your health board. I kindly request the following information for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 (January - end of May 2025). If you do not collect or cannot provide data for one of the categories below, please provide data for the categories that you do or can provide data for.

Q1. The number of individuals referred to NHS mental health services broken down by month.

Of those identified please specify:

- a. Age category
- b. Employment status
- c. Those not in Education, Employment or Training
- d. Source of referral (e.g. GP, job centre, self-referral)

Q2. The number of crisis admissions or interventions related to unemployment or job loss.

Q3. The number of hospital admissions or A&E presentations for self-harm or attempted suicide.

Of those identified please specify:

- a. Employment status

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b. Those not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)

Q4. Any internal reports, studies, or audits since 2022 examining the mental health impacts of unemployment or economic hardship.

Clarification Requested:

Q3. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have Accident and Emergency Departments (A&E) but Minor Injury Units (MIU). Please can you confirm if you would like us to provide a response on MIU data potentially held.

Clarification Received:

I do not need this data.

Powys Response:

Q1a - Q1d. Please see FOI.349.25 Attachment 1 for PTHB for the number of individuals referred to NHS mental health services broken down by month. I can confirm that the employment status is not routinely captured in a way that we could extract for this request, therefore our response is based on age group and referral source.

Q2. I can confirm that PTHB does not capture this information.

Q3. PTHB does not have A&E Departments, and you confirmed no data was required for Minor Injury Units.

Q4. I can confirm that there are no internal reports, studies, or audits since 2022 examining the mental health impacts of unemployment or economic hardship.

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.