

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.367.25

25 June 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 13 June 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not 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 could you share:

Q1. For each centre within your health board that provides neonatal care, please answer:

- a. How many funded neonatal intensive care unit (ICU), neonatal high dependency unit (HDU) and special care baby unit (SCBU) cots are there?
- b. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist practising in neonatology at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?
- c. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist with experience in the provision of parenteral nutrition, where necessary?
- d. Do pharmacists working in neonatal care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?
- e. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) working in neonatal care are active independent prescribers?
- f. Does the centre have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?

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g. Does the centre have 5 day access to an aseptic and CIVA service where this is needed to provide bespoke parenteral nutrition or where there is substantial use of high risk intravenous medications?

h. Does the centre provide a five day or seven day neonatal service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.

i. How many clinical pharmacists work in neonatal care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?

ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the neonatal care (whole time equivalent)?

Q2. Does your health board have a paediatric critical care unit? For each paediatric critical care unit within your trust, please answer:

a. How many funded paediatric level 2 and level 3 critical care beds are in the unit?

b. Does the unit have access to a senior pharmacist practising in paediatric critical care, funded at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?

c. Do pharmacists working in paediatric critical care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?

d. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) in the unit are active independent prescribers?

e. Does the unit have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?

f. Does the unit provide a five day or seven day service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.

i. How many clinical pharmacists work in paediatric critical care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?

ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the unit (whole time equivalent)?

If possible, please share the above in an excel spreadsheet or CSV file.

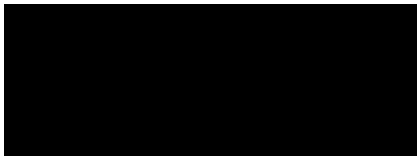
Powys Response:

Q1 & Q2. Due to the sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not provide district general hospital services within the health board area. Neonatal services are provided to Powys families in district general hospitals and specialist hospitals in neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. Therefore, this is a nil response.

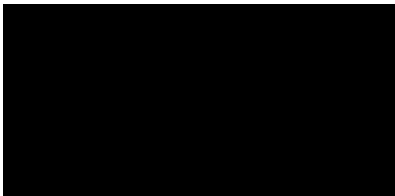
Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, 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.