

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.372.25

15 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 19 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 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:

Please provide me with the following information which I presume is stored and classified according to each of the seven health boards?

I am asking for this data presented either as a whole or yearly from 2019-2024.

Q1. Total Covid vaccination uptake as a percentage of the population, specifying the percentage/s as first-time vaccines and subsequent 'boosters'.

Q2, The number of excess deaths for each of the health boards. The definition of 'excess deaths' is a reference to the number of deaths that occur above (or below) what would be expected under normal circumstances.

Powys Response:

Q1. Please see the table below for the Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) total Covid vaccination uptake as a percentage of the population, specifying the percentage/s as first-time vaccines and subsequent 'boosters'.

Mid-year	Population estimate (Mid-year)	Cumulative individuals completed primary course	% Individuals completed primary course	Cumulative Individuals Had A Booster	% Individuals Completed Booster
2020	132,199	7	0.0%	1	0.0%

2021	133,521	101,416	76.0%	79,341	59.4%
2022	133,874	107,397	80.2%	92,943	69.4%
2023	134,439	107,732	80.1%	93,261	69.4%
2024	134,439	107,736	80.1%	93,392	69.5%

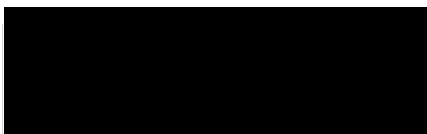
Q2. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by another means. Section 21 is absolute and therefore does not require a public interest test. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance. I can confirm excess deaths data is available publicly and is held by Office for National Statistics (ONS). I recommend you visit the following link for this information: [Death registrations and occurrences by local authority and health board - Office for National Statistics](#) or contact ONS via the following email address: FOI.Team@ons.gov.uk

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



Mererid Bowley
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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.