

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.376.25

08 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 24 June 2025 and subsequent clarification received on 3 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:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide data for the period April 2024 to March 2025, broken down by calendar month where applicable as well as planned capital works for the current year 2025/2026.

Q1. People in Beds

a. Acute Mental Health Placements (Out-of-Trust / Private Sector)

- The number of female patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust acute mental health beds each month.
- The number of male patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust acute mental health beds each month.

b. PICU (Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit) Placements (Out-of-Trust / Private Sector)

- The number of female patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust PICU beds each month.
- The number of male patients placed in private sector or out-of-trust PICU beds each month.()

c. Rehabilitation Mental Health Placements

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- The number of patients placed in rehabilitation mental health placements, broken down by gender (male/female) and by month.

Q2. Bed Day Costs

For the period April 2024 to March 2025, please provide the average daily bed fee paid for private sector placements, broken down by patient gender (if available) and setting:

- Acute mental health placements
- PICU placements
- Rehabilitation placements

Q3. Placement Locations

Please provide the names and addresses (or town/city) of all private sector or out-of-trust facilities where patients (both male and female) were placed in the following settings:

- Acute mental health
- PICU
- Rehabilitation

Q4. Clinically Ready for Discharge (CRFD)

Please provide the number of patients occupying NHS Trust acute mental health beds each month who were deemed clinically ready for discharge but remained in hospital (commonly referred to as Delayed Transfers of Care – DTOC).

Q5. Planned Capital Improvement Works

Please confirm whether there are any planned or ongoing capital improvement works during the period April 2025 – March 2026 that may impact patient flow (e.g. reduction in bed availability, ward closures, reconfigurations).

If so, please provide a summary of the works, broken down by service area:

- Acute (Adult and Older Adult)
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)
- Forensic Services
- Specialist Services (e.g. Perinatal, Eating Disorders, Neuropsychiatry)

Clarification Requested and Response Received (Bold):

Please can you confirm if you require the information to include:

- Children's mental health services – **No.**
- Older adults - **No (aged 18yrs-65yrs is ideal).**
- Learning Disability patients - **No.**

Please can you confirm if you require the total number staying in private beds per month, or the admissions per month as 'placed' could be interpreted as either - **Total number staying.**

Do you require all commissioned beds - via the Continuing Health Care pathway (CHC) as well as the acute bed sourced? - **Just acute sourced**

Powys Response:

Q1a –Q1c. Please see FOI.376.25 Attachment 1 for Mental Health Placement data.

Q2. I can confirm that the average daily bed fee excludes any additional cost due to enhanced observations. These can fluctuate for each patient and would vary daily. Some patients may require occasional 1:1 enhanced observations, other patients may require these 24 hours a day. Sometimes patients may require more intensive observations at 2:1 or 3:1, especially if a patient is acutely unwell, or in a PICU.

I can confirm:

- One hour of additional observations usually costs between £17.50-£31.50.
- Bed costs for male or female acute mental health beds are usually between £760-£850.00 per day.
- Bed costs for male PICU patients are between £925-£1140 per day and the cost can increase to £925-£1200 per day for female PICU patients.
- Rehabilitation bed costs can vary depending on the type of rehab. Costs are dependent on the individual patient requirements but in recent cases £500-£900 would be an indication of cost per day.

Q3. We prioritise placing a patient where their needs can be best met. We aim to do this as quickly as possible and try and access beds that are both clinically suitable and close to family and friends. Due to a lack of locally available beds in Wales, we access beds across the UK in many locations. These locations are too many to identify and in order to answer your question this would require a manual trawl of associated records from April 2024 to March 2025. 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.

Q4. I can confirm that no patients were declared Clinically Ready for Discharge (CRFD) or Delayed Transfers of Care (DTCOC).

Q5. I can confirm that there are currently no planned works that would impact on patient flow. We are presently engaging with the public and stakeholders regarding future capital works.

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.