

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.378.25

2 July 2025

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I write further to your request for information which was received on 26 June 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, 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 Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) Request:

Under the Environmental Information Regulations (2004), please provide the following information:

Q1. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0ppm but less than or equal to 0.3ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q2. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.3ppm but less than or equal to 0.4ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q3. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.4ppm but less than or equal to 0.5ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q4. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.5ppm but less than or equal to 0.6ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q5. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.6ppm but less than or equal to 0.7ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q6. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.7ppm but less than or equal to 0.8ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q7. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.8ppm but less than or equal to 0.9ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q8. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 0.9ppm but less than or equal to 1ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q9. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 1ppm but less than or equal to 1.5ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q10. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that are greater than 1.5ppm but less than or equal to 2ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Q11. In the past 12 months, on how many separate occasions have formaldehyde levels been recorded that exceed 2ppm in the Trust's Histopathology Department?

Additionally,

Q12. How often and/or under what circumstances are formaldehyde levels measured in your histopathology department?

Q13. Exactly how many times have formaldehyde levels been measured in your histopathology department over the last 12 months?

Q14. In order for me to gauge the approximate size of the histopathology dept, can you advise the approximate number of cases that pass through the histopathology dept annually?

I would prefer to receive this information in an electronic format (such as Excel or PDF).

Powys Response:

I can confirm that our response remains unchanged from your previous request FOI.278.25.

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) do not have Histopathology labs. PTHB commissions services from several Welsh health boards and English provider organisations. I therefore recommend that you contact the providers from whom the health board commissions services:

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
The Robert Jones Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.foi@nhs.net
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Velindre University NHS Trust	Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk

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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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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.