

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.226.25

1 April 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 4 March 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 have a freedom of information request regarding Friedreich Ataxia services in your organisation, could you please help by answering the following questions,

Q1. Of all patients diagnosed with Hereditary Ataxia (ICD-10 Code G11), how many have a specific diagnosis of Friedreich Ataxia?

Q1a. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have been diagnosed in the last 12 months?

Q1b. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have had an appointment in the last 12 months in the following departments?

- a. Cardiology
- b. Neurology
- c. Neuromuscular
- d. Specialist movement disorders
- e. Any other department

Q1c. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients fall within the following age groups?

- a. 0-13
- b. 14-15

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- c. 16-40
- d. 40+

Q1d. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have you discharged in the last 12 months?

Q1e. How many Friedreich Ataxia patients have you referred to another specialist centre?

Q2. Does your centre have a specialist movement disorders clinic?

a. If so, how many patients with a diagnosis of Friedreich Ataxia have visited the clinic in the last 12 months?

Q3. Does your centre have a specialist Ataxia Clinic, as part of the specialist movement disorders clinic?

a. If so, how many patients with a diagnosis of Friedreich Ataxia have visited the clinic in the last 12 months?

Powys Response

Q1 & Q3. Please note we are only able to identify patients with a specific diagnosis when they are admitted to a hospital. The diagnosis for that admission does not indicate that the diagnosis was done as part of the admission. There have been 15 admissions where there was a diagnosis of Hereditary Ataxia, none had a specific diagnosis of Friedreich Ataxia.

Q2. We do not have a specialist movement clinic in Powys Therapies but do offer out-patient and community appointments for individuals with neurological conditions.

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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.