

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.250.25

16 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 24 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 am getting in touch under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information.

Q1. Can you please provide the number of individuals in Wales who have to your knowledge acquired the following infections each year from 2020 - 2025. Can you also confirm whether they have been associated with rivers and/or reservoirs or from the Sea.

- Giardiasis
- Cryptosporidium
- Leptospirosis
- Cyclospora
- Shigella dysentery
- E Coli 0157
- Alga blooms
- Hepatitis A

Please could you provide the information in a CSV file format in this order:
Location of report, Year, infection contracted [name of condition i.e shigella],
suspected reason of contraction [i.e bacteria in river]

If any fields are not available or you are not able to provide for whatever reason,
please just leave the space between the comma blank.

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Powys Response:

Please see FOI.250.25 Attachment 1 for Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) response to your above request.

I can confirm PTHB only hold diagnosis data for admitted patients, therefore we are only able to provide number of patients admitted where a relevant diagnosis code has been recorded. We have used the following codes below to search our admitted patient care dataset for admissions from 1 January 2020 to date.

Infection Type	Code
Giardiasis	A071
Cryptosporidium cryptosporidiosis	A072
Leptospirosis	A27.9
Cyclospora	I can confirm there is no specific code, A078 - Other specified protozoal intestinal diseases.
Shigella dysentery	A039
E Coli	B962
Alga blooms	There is not a code that enables us to identify with specificity whether any patients were admitted due to alga blooms
Hepatitis A	B15

Please note that there are no specific codes for Cyclospora and Alga blooms so any incidents of these codes may not match that condition. Also, the B962 code covers all E coli infections not just waterborne infection. We do not hold data on the source of the infection.

Please note that there is publicly available data regarding the incidence of certain infections available from the Public Health Wales website: [Data - Public Health Wales](#) This includes data on laboratory reports on Cryptosporidium, E Coli, Giardia Lambia, and Hepatitis A.

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