

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.268.25

22 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 31 March 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.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

Q1. Any local guidelines or pathways used within your NHS health board to inform clinicians on coeliac disease diagnosis and follow-up care. We are interested in guidance for adults and children seen in any setting.

Q2. If your area does not have local guidance/pathways for coeliac disease, please specify which clinical guidelines (e.g. NICE, ESGPHAN, BSG) are recommended to clinicians.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) do not have local guidelines or pathways, however as courtesy we do offer an annual follow up to those known to us with coeliac disease. Follow up is via a telephone call where we check concordance with gluten free diet and any issues, check membership of coeliac UK, check for any bowel or stomach symptoms and any weight loss or gain. We may ask General Practitioners (GPs) to do routine bloods to check Tissue Transglutaminase (TTG) levels (for coeliac disease) in addition to bone health, full blood count and vitamin levels, if necessary, (all indications that absorption is still an issue). We may arrange a dietetic review or a bone density Dual-Energy X-ray Absorptiometry (DEXA) scan.

Q2. I can confirm PTHB would refer clinicians to the British Society of Gastroenterology guidelines on the management of coeliac disease.

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.