

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.326.25

29 May 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 15 May 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:

We would be grateful if you could provide the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 / Freedom of Information Act 2000 (depending on jurisdiction):

Q1. Primary request

For the financial year 2024–2025 (April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025): Please provide the number of individuals aged 7 to 25 who attended Accident & Emergency (A&E) departments within your health board following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object.

We would like this data broken down by age bands:

- 7–10 years
- 11–13 years
- 14–16 years
- 17–18 years
- 19–25 years

- Broken down by A&E department (e.g., by hospital name or location).

Q2. Secondary Requests - (if available within FOI limits):

- Gender of the individual, where recorded.
- Whether the attendance resulted in hospital admission.

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- Whether a mental health or safeguarding referral was made as part of the attendance (if recorded).

Q3. Additional further information (if available and permissible within cost/time constraints):

- Trends over the past three financial years (2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24) using the same breakdowns as above.
- Referrals to youth services or social work resulting from such attendances.
- Geographical breakdowns beyond A&E department (e.g., local authority or postcode sector).
- Data on individuals attending A&E more than once for knife-related injuries (repeat attendees).

If full data cannot be provided due to cost/time constraints, we would appreciate any partial data or summaries that can be made available.

Powys Response:

Q1 - Q3. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments, only Minor Injury Units (MIU). I can confirm that no individuals between the age of 7 to 25 are recorded as having attended Powys MIUs following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object.

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.