

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.574.25

01 December 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 07 November 2025 and amended question 3 received on 12 November 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below, and the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

Please note that due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, Powys Teaching Health Board directly provides a range of community hospital services that are safe and appropriate to provide in a rural community setting. Our residents access acute hospital services – such as A&E, critical care, acute and emergency medical inpatient services, acute and emergency surgical inpatient services from neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. Our responses below therefore relate to implementation, awareness and training in a community setting.

1. Do you follow the NICE NG 51 Guideline – incorporating Sepsis 6, NEWS 2 and other similar scores for other patient populations - in assessing for Sepsis at all your hospitals? **NEWS2 has been fully implemented in all inpatient physical health wards. Sepsis 6 is in place.**

2. Is sepsis awareness training mandatory and completion audit undertaken for all clinical staff at all your hospitals? **This is not currently mandated within Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) but is part of resuscitation**

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training and has been listed for addition to clinical mandatory training. This is due to be passed through committee in January 2026 for approval.

3. How many, or what percentage, of clinical staff at all your hospitals have completed sepsis awareness training, for years 2023/24 and 24/25? **Sepsis awareness training is not a separate module on Electronic Staff Record (ESR) and therefore we are unable to provide this data. However, Sepsis awareness is also covered within the face-to-face resuscitation training. I can confirm that 79% are up to date with resuscitation training and we have recently implemented NEWS2 training in which 89% have completed. PTHB use Sepsis 6 and will escalate deteriorating patients on a sepsis pathway.**

4. Is Sepsis safety netting mandatory at all your hospitals? **This is not currently mandated but is part of our vision as we proceed through some Quality Improvement (QI) work.**

5. Do you have Martha's Rule or equivalent – Martha's Rule being a well-advertised escalation pathway for both staff and patients/families/carers, to ask for a review from a different team if they are concerned that a patient is deteriorating – at all your hospitals? **We do not currently have this in place but are planning to do so as part of a QI initiative in care of the deteriorating person.**

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

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Yours sincerely



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