

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.582.25

20 November 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 13 November 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partially holds the information that you require.

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

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding specific cardiac procedures.

Additionally, if certain data points are not recorded in the exact format requested, I would welcome any alternative figures or insights.

Q1. Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories (Cath labs) and their utilisation

- a. What is the number of cath labs currently in operation within your organisation and the sites at which they are located.
- b. In how many of these cath labs do you perform catheter-based valve interventions?
- c. How many days per week are catheter-based valve interventions performed in each of these cath labs?
- d. Any available data on utilisation of these facilities (e.g. number of sessions scheduled per week, or average percentage utilisation).

Q2. Cardiac Theatres (used for cardiac surgery)

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- a. What is the number and location of cardiac theatres in operation.
- b. What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures (e.g. TAVI, TEER, sAVR or Bentall procedures) performed in both cath labs and cardiac theatres during the most recent full year for which you hold data.

Q3. Planning

- a. How is the provision or planning of the following procedures managed within your jurisdiction for:
 - Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)
 - Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER)
- b. Are there any current or planned investments in cardiac catheterisation or cardiac surgical capacity (including infrastructure or workforce)?
- c. What is the size of the population which is covered by your cardiac service provision?

Powys Response:

Q1 - Q2. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have District General Hospitals (DGH) and therefore does not have Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratories or Cardiac Theatres. Therefore, we are unable to respond to these questions. Powys patients requiring this type of treatment would be referred to one of our neighbouring district general hospitals.

Q3a. I can confirm that the Community Cardiology service refers out of community to neighbouring Health Boards for TAVI following an ECHO in Powys. I can confirm that all patients requiring Transcatheter Edge-to-Edge Repair (TEER) would also be referred outside of Powys.

I therefore recommend that you approach our provider organisations directly for this information. The table below lists the main health boards and NHS Trust from which we commission health services for Powys residents. Please note that all providers may not necessarily offer services that fall within the definition in your request.

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
The Robert Jones Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.foi@nhs.net
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
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Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	CTM.FreedomOfInformation@wales.nhs.uk
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Q3b. PTHB have no current or planned investments in cardiac catheterisation or cardiac surgical capacity.

Q3c. PTHB Community Cardiology service covers Pan Powys, and follows up all patients referred into the service post TAVI, AVR etc. The service sees approximately 350 patients per month in clinic, Pan Powys.

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.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who can be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

Telephone: 0330 414 6421

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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.