

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.589.25

23 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 19 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 hold the information that you require, but have applied an exemption to elements of this request.

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

### 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:

Q1. Total # of children under 5 placed on perinatal/ paediatric palliative care pathways (withdrawing/ withholding life-sustaining treatment, e.g., nutrition/ hydration) from Jan 2022–Oct 2025. – **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.**

Q2. % of that where parental consent was explicitly documented vs. implied/deemed. - **100% of parental consent was documented through the issue of Child and Young Person's Advanced Care Plans (CYACP).**

Q3. #/% where parents objected, and outcomes (e.g., court involvement). - **There was no parental objection to the palliative care pathways.**

Q4. Anonymised summary of decision criteria used (per RCPCH/NICE guidelines). - **All decision making was summarised through the development of the CYACP and updated and documented according to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) guidelines using a collaborative multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach. This document was supported and led by the All-Wales Palliative Team and Network.**

Q5. Any internal audits/reviews on consent processes since 2022. – **I can confirm that no internal audits have been carried out since 2022.**

Please redact personal data.

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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Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

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Yours sincerely



**Amie Symes**  
**Director of Midwifery, Women and Family**

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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.