

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.535.25

5 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 08 October 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 my 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:

1. In the years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, how many reports of rape or sexual assault were recorded in your hospitals? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year.

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to provide all the detail requested 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.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance. PTHB has provided the number of reports for rape or sexual assault covering the period 2020 to 2025. Please see the table below:

Year (Financial years)	Number of reports
2020 - 2025	5

2. Of the incidents recorded in Q1, how many were alleged to have been carried out by NHS staff? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year.

3. Of the incidents recorded in Q2, how many were alleged to have taken place on hospital wards? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year.

4. Of the incidents recorded in Q1, how many of these allegations were referred to the police? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year.

5. Of the incidents recorded in Q4, how many of these resulted in an arrest, charge, or conviction? Please provide a breakdown by hospital and financial year.

Q2 – Q5. Please see response to Q1 above.

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

Complaints Portal: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

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

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Further information including a sample license terms and fees can be found at Open Government Licence.

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.