

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.538.25

31 October 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 09 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. For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

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

Q1. The current waiting times for a first paediatric neurology or epilepsy appointment, for a patient referred today.

Q2. The number of paediatric epilepsy specialist nurses currently employed full-time or part-time (FTE equivalent and total number of staff).

Q3. The number of paediatric neurologists, consultant paediatricians, psychologists currently supporting the paediatric epilepsy service?

Q4. What is the caseload for each paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse?

Q5. What is the wait time for key diagnostic procedures, EEG telemetry or MRI?

Q6. How many children receive a new epilepsy diagnosis per year within the paediatric clinic?

Powys Response:

For context: As a provider, Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has one nurse who specialises in paediatric epilepsy specifically to support care closer to home

and school educational support. All other paediatric neurology or epilepsy services are commissioned from neighbouring Health Boards.

Q1. All paediatric neurology and epilepsy services is commissioned from neighbouring Health Boards and Trusts. Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services including paediatric epilepsy services in DGH provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England.

We therefore recommend that you approach our provider organisations directly for this information:

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	CTM.FreedomOfInformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Q2. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has 0.4 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse specifically to support care closer to home and provides school educational support.

Q3. Not applicable. Please see Q1 above.

Q4. Our paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse has 55 cases.

Q5. I can confirm that the wait time for key diagnostic procedures, electroencephalogram (EEG) telemetry or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) would vary according to each secondary care/ tertiary care environment. We would recommend that you contact the above providers for this information.

Q6. Not applicable. Please see 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:

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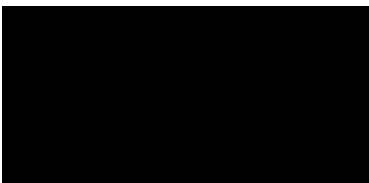
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Yours sincerely



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.