

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.499.25

08 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 September 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 this request.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and PTHB response follows each question individually (in bold):

Your Request:

Please be advised that the following questions are formulated for a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). They are presented with a view to eliciting precise and comprehensive information regarding the organisation's adherence to and engagement with national and international cybersecurity standards. This phrasing is intended to meet the requirements for a valid FOI request in the UK, ensuring clarity and a direct focus on recorded information.

Current Certifications

Q1. Please disclose which national or international cybersecurity standards the organisation currently holds a formal certification for. This should include, but is not limited to, standards such as Cyber Essentials (CE), Cyber Essentials Plus (CE+), IASME Level 1 & 2, and ISO/IEC 27001. - **PTHB does not formally hold any national or international cybersecurity standards certifications.**

Welsh Government Directives

Q2. Kindly specify any national or international cybersecurity standards for which the Welsh Government has formally mandated or requested certification from your organisation. This pertains to recorded communications, contracts, or policies where such a directive is explicitly stated. - **Please see the below:**

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Tŷ Glasbury, Ysbyty Bronllys,
Aberhonddu, Powys LD3 0LU
Ffôn: 01874 711661



Headquarters
Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital
Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU
Tel: 01874 711661

- **As an operator of essential services, PTHB an obligation to comply with the Network and Information Systems (NIS) Regulations 2018 and utilise NCSC Cyber Assessment Framework to assess compliance.**
- **Welsh Health Circular WHC/2017/025 mandates supply chain cybersecurity standards.**
- **Welsh Health Circular WHC/2025/026 - The safe and responsible adoption of ambient voice technologies (AI scribes) in clinical settings.**
- **NHS Wales organisations must complete the Welsh Information Governance Toolkit.**

Historical Certifications

Q3. Provide details of any national or international cybersecurity standards to which the organisation was previously certified, but for which the certification has since lapsed or expired. For each expired certification, please include the corresponding expiry date. – **PTHB has not formally held any national or international cybersecurity standards.**

In-Progress Certifications

Q4. Please detail any national or international cybersecurity standards for which the organisation is currently undertaking the certification process. – **Please see the following:**

Standards and frameworks aligned with the National Cyber Security Centre's Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) include:

- **the ISO/IEC 27001 for information security,**
- **the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework,**
- **ISO/IEC 22301 for business continuity,**
- **the UK's PAS 555, and**
- **the NCSC's own guidance like its 10 Steps to Cyber Security and principles for cloud security.**

Assessment Outcomes

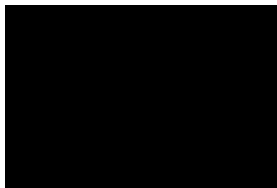
Q5. Disclose whether the organisation has failed any formal assessments for national or international cybersecurity standards. If a failure has occurred, please provide the name of the standard and the date of the failed assessment. **I can confirm that PTHB has not failed any formal assessments for national or international cybersecurity standards.**

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's

Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.
Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Digital Data Officer

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.