

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.518.25

20 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 29 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.

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: This enquiry relates to the provision of specialist general medical care for patients on inpatient psychiatric wards.

I understand that Felindre Ward is a psychiatric inpatient facility at Bronllys Hospital for 18 - 64-year-olds. Older age patients with mental illness can be cared for on Tawe Ward, Ystradgynlais Hospital, Crug Ward, Brecon Hospital and Clywedog Ward, Llandrindod Hospital.

Q1. I wish to know if, during their stay on these wards, the patients have access to general medical care from a GP, Geriatrician or Physician? Alternatively, is the general medical care undertaken by the ward based psychiatric team?

Powys Response:

Q1. All Mental Health inpatient wards (please note that Crug ward is temporarily closed) have medical cover alongside support from appropriate multidisciplinary team (MDT) members including, for example, Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Physician Associates. Support and advice is also provided and available from secondary physical health services, either locally or through regional pathways. Patients can also be referred to their relevant primary care service and seen by their General Practitioner. Where more specialised care or

assessment is required, patients can be referred to the relevant specialist secondary physical health care service.

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.

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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.