

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.157.26

5 May 2026

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 10 April 2026, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and the Health Board's 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. Recorded deaths while on elective waiting lists

The number of patients recorded as having died while on an elective (planned care) waiting list, for each calendar year from 2010 to 2024 inclusive (or the most recent available recorded point if later data is held).

Where this information is not held in a directly extractable form, please provide any equivalent internally used dataset, report, or monitoring category that captures patients who died while awaiting planned inpatient or outpatient treatment - **Please see the table below for the number of recorded deaths while on elective waiting lists:**

Year	Patients Removed from Waiting List with an Event of 'Patient Deceased'
2022	308
2023	460
2024	419
2025	452

2. Data recording and system structure

If the Health Board does not hold or routinely report this information, please confirm:

- whether deaths of patients on waiting lists are identifiable in any administrative, clinical, audit, or reporting system;
- whether any linkage exists between waiting list records and mortality records; and
- whether such linkage or reporting has ever been used for internal governance, audit, or reporting to Welsh Government or external bodies.

Not applicable.

3. Data limitations (explanatory detail)

If the requested information is not held or cannot be provided in the requested form, please indicate the primary reason(s), including but not limited to:

- absence of a coded field,
- lack of linkage between waiting list and mortality records,
- or other data structure or recording limitations.

The data is extracted from the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) and is reported monthly to Welsh Government. Historical data prior to 2022 is not available, as the requirement to capture and submit this information was only introduced following a Welsh Information Standards Board dataset change notification (DSCN 2024/03; ISRN 2023/030) issued on 3 January 2024, which clarified the exclusion of deceased patients from the Referral To Treatment (RTT) dataset.

I would be grateful to receive this information in electronic format. If any exemptions apply, please release any non-exempt information and specify the exemptions relied upon.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Should you wish an internal review, please quote the reference number and send your correspondence to the above address.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner 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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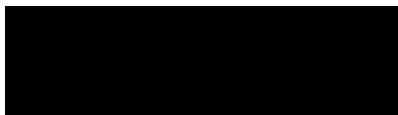
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Further information including a sample license terms and fees can be found at [Open Government Licence](#).

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.