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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 17 August 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:
Under the Freedom of Information Act I am seeking data on the Community Dental Service in your health board.

Please send data on the number of referrals, by month, made from the General Dental Services to the CDS, from 2018/19 to 2025/26.

Please provide totals, and numbers for children and adults.

Powys Response:
Please note that we we can only provide information that is held by Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB). The General Dental Services referral data currently available to the Health Board commenced in September 2025. Therefore, we do not hold the requested referral data for the period 2018/2019 to August 2025. Additionally, the available data is not recorded in a way that enables referrals to be separated into adult and child categories. Therefore, we are unable to provide this breakdown.

The total number of referrals from General Dental Services to the Community Dental Service held by the Health Board from September 2025 onwards is provided below:

Referral Reason	Month	Referrals
Minor Oral Surgery	September 2025	70
	October 2025	73
	November 2025	80

	December 2025	78
	January 2026	69
	February 2026	74
	March 2026	68
	April 2026	38
	May 2026	46
	June 2026	70
	July 2026	77
	August 2026	64
Paediatrics	September 2025	29
	October 2025	29
	November 2025	21
	December 2025	32
	January 2026	26
	February 2026	23
	March 2026	26
	April 2026	24
	May 2026	23
	June 2026	19
	July 2026	33
	August 2026	13
Restorative	September 2025	8
	October 2025	16
	November 2025	7
	December 2025	2
	January 2026	10
	February 2026	7
	March 2026	11
	April 2026	6
	May 2026	6
	June 2026	12
	July 2026	10
	August 2026	6
Sedation Services	September 2025	3
	October 2025	5
	November 2025	2
	December 2025	3
	January 2026	3
	February 2026	2
	March 2026	1
	April 2026	2
	May 2026	2
	June 2026	6
	July 2026	0
	August 2026	0
Special Care Dentistry	September 2025	6
	October 2025	3
	November 2025	7
	December 2025	5

	January 2026	8
	February 2026	3
	March 2026	3
	April 2026	6
	May 2026	5
	June 2026	8
	July 2026	4
	August 2026	0

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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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.