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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, by Health and Care Research Wales. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is responding to this request on behalf of Health and Care Research Wales (HCRW), as host organisation and the request was forwarded to us by them. I can confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that HCRW partly holds the information that you require, but have applied an exemption to elements of this request. 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:

I am writing to request information about clinical-trial opportunities and research funding for primary brain tumours in Wales. Please provide the following information for each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26:

Q1. The number of patients resident in Wales recruited to an interventional clinical trial concerning a primary brain tumour. - **Please see below table:**

Year	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Number of patients	9	14	19	20	36

Q2. Where recorded, please break these figures down by:

- tumour type, including glioblastoma;
- adult and paediatric patients;
- health board of residence;
- recruiting NHS organisation or specialist centre;
- individual trial.

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Please see below tables. Please note we do not hold information on where patients reside within Wales, so we have instead provided data on recruitment activity at Welsh sites.

We are also unable to reliably break the data down by adult versus paediatric populations or by specific tumour type. However, studies were included if the study title contained at least one of the following terms:

- **Glioblastoma**
- **Astrocytoma**
- **Oligodendroglioma**
- **Ependymoma**
- **Meningioma**
- **Medulloblastoma**
- **Schwannoma**

Number of patients recruited to interventional studies in Wales involving brain tumours by recruiting organisation.					
Recruiting Organisation	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	8	8	14	5	14
Swansea Bay University Health Board	0	0	0	1	1
Velindre University NHS Trust	1	6	5	14	22

Number of patients recruited to interventional studies in Wales involving brain tumours by individual study					
IRAS ID and Short Title	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026
1003313 - BRIOChe	0	1	0	5	0
1004427 - ARISTOCRAT	0	0	2	5	5
1005506 - STOP'EM	0	0	0	1	2
1010027 - EF-41/KEYNOTE D58	0	0	0	0	2
1010468 - GLIOFOCUS	0	0	0	0	1
130101 - SIOP Ependymoma II	0	0	2	0	0
149204 - PARADIGM (Cancer)	1	4	1	0	0
197457 - PARADIGM 2	0	1	2	1	0
264482 - FUTURE GB	8	8	12	4	0
306432 - APPROACH	0	0	0	4	0
345971 - MRI assessment of tumour Microstructure in Glioblastoma (MIMOSA) study	0	0	0	0	26

Q3. The number of Welsh patients recruited to brain-tumour trials at centres outside Wales, including Liverpool, Manchester and elsewhere in the UK, where this information is held.- **HCRW does not currently hold information about**

Welsh patients recruited at centres outside Wales. As far as HCRW is aware, none of the NHS Wales organisations collect or monitor this information.

Q4. A list of interventional brain-tumour trials currently open to recruitment in Wales, showing:

- the trial title and reference number;
- the tumour types and patient groups covered;
- the participating or recruiting centres;
- whether the trial is currently open, suspended or closed to recruitment.

Please find attached FOI.356.26 Attachment 1.

Q5. A list of brain-tumour trials currently accessible to patient's resident in north Wales and mid Wales, distinguishing between:

- trials delivered at sites within those regions;
- trials available through remote or decentralised participation;
- trials based elsewhere in Wales to which patients may be referred;
- trials at centres elsewhere in the UK that accept referrals from NHS Wales.

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by another means. Section 21 is absolute and therefore does not require a public interest test. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance, the information requested can be found via the following website: [Be Part of Research](#)

Q6. Details of any arrangements through which HCRW helps clinicians and patients identify suitable brain-tumour trials outside their own health board or outside Wales. – **Please see response to Q5.**

Q7. The total amount of funding awarded or administered by HCRW specifically for primary brain-tumour research in each of the five financial years. - **HCRW does not hold this information. The information is held by the Science Research and Evidence department in Welsh Government. You may wish to contact them via ScienceResearchEvidence@gov.wales or make a FOI request via Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales**

Q8. For each relevant award, please provide:

- the project title and a brief description;
- the lead researcher and host organisation;
- the amount awarded;
- the funding period;
- the type of brain tumour studied.

Please see response to Q7.

Q9. Details of any current or planned HCRW funding call, programme or dedicated funding stream for primary brain-tumour research.

Please see response to Q7.

Q10. M strategy, review or assessment undertaken by HCRW concerning:

- the availability of brain-tumour clinical trials in Wales;
- geographical inequalities in access to trials;
- the development of brain-tumour research capacity in Wales.

Please see response to Q7.

For the purpose of this request, "primary brain tumour" means a tumour originating in the brain or central nervous system, rather than a secondary brain metastasis. "Clinical trial" means an interventional study of a treatment, diagnostic technique, or other clinical intervention.

Please search the relevant national research systems and portfolios, including EDGE and CPMS where applicable. I am requesting anonymised, aggregate information only and do not require any identifiable patient information. I appreciate that small figures may need to be suppressed to protect confidentiality.

If HCRW does not hold information about Welsh patients recruited at centres outside Wales, please explain whether another NHS Wales organisation collects or monitors this information.

Please treat this as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If answering the request in full would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please contact me before refusing it so that I can consider narrowing its scope.

I would prefer to receive the information electronically.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to receiving your response.

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

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Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

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Yours sincerely

**Electronically checked and approved by:
Nicola Williams, Director of Support & Delivery.**

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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.