

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.020.26

21 January 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 13 January 2026, 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 elements of this request. For ease of reference your request is set out below and the Health Board's response follows.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. We are conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and will be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2025.

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

### Data required (for period between 1st January 2025 and 31st December 2025)

Q1. We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.

Q2. To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2025.

Q3. Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

Powys Response:

Q1. Please note Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have Accident and Emergency Departments. We have therefore based our response on data captured within our Minor Injury Units (MIU). Please see FOI.020.26 Attachment 1 for PTHB response.

PTHB is not able to provide the level of detail requested in Q1 because the number of assault attendances are so low. PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In our duty to advise and assist under Section 16, there were a total of 41 assault related attendances across our sites for 2025.

Q2. During 2025, there were 15,490 attendances to Powys MIUs. Please Note: This number does not include follow up attendances.

Q3. PTHB can confirm that our response remains the same as your previous request FOI 24.R.004. In our duty to advise and assist under Section 16, please see the following link confirming which of our sites in Powys provide Minor Injury Units (MIU) services: [Choose Minor Injury Unit - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

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.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who 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](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints)

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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.