

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.030.26

19 February 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 22 January 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following recorded information held by the Trust regarding balance/ vestibular services.

For the purposes of this request, "audiologist" includes clinical scientists, healthcare scientists, and practitioners working in audiology at any grade (including those specialising in balance/ vestibular assessment).

1. Balance/ vestibular service provision

- a) How many balance or vestibular clinics does the Trust currently operate within the audiology department alone and within the ENT department.
- b) Where balance/vestibular assessments are provided within a wider service rather than via a standalone clinic, please indicate this.

2. Employment of audiologists

How many audiologists are currently employed by the Trust that are active in offering vestibular assessment at the date of this request (headcount and FTE, if held)?

How many audiologists are currently employed by the Trust that are active in offering vestibular rehabilitation at the date of this request (headcount and FTE, if held)?

3. Workforce needs – current

Does the Trust hold assessment, workforce plan, or internal analysis relating to the number of audiologists required to meet current service demand? If so, please provide that assessment.

4. Workforce needs – future

Does the Trust hold any assessment, workforce plan, or projection relating to future audiology workforce needs? for example, 3 years, 5 years, or 10 years). If so, please provide that/those assessments.

5. Long-term planning

Does the Trust hold any assessment or modelling of audiology (including balance/vestibular) workforce or service needs looking ahead 10 years or more?- If so, please provide that/those assessments.

Powys Response:

Please see FOI.030.26 Attachment 1 in response to your request regarding balance/ vestibular services

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

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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.