

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.040.26

29 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 29 January 2026 and subsequent clarification received on 5 May 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 and Powys Response (Bold):

I am collecting evidence in relation to the end-of-life experiences of dying adults and wish submit the following questions to you under the Freedom of Information Act.

Q1. Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Trust? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.

Q2. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2023 and December 2025 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:

- i. The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)
- ii. The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)

Q3. Please provide information on the following within your Trust between January 2023 and December 2025 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:

- i. The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults aged 18+)
- ii. The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults aged 18+)

Clarification Requested:

Could you please clarify your definition of 'a specialist palliative care unit'.

Clarification Received:

The intention of my request is to seek data on suicides or attempted suicides by any person receiving palliative care in the jurisdiction of your Health Board, with an additional interest in whether those occurred in a hospice or specialist unit setting. If you do not have any units that you would consider Specialist Palliative Care Units, please provide the data for any persons receiving palliative care within any unit of your hospitals.

Powys Response:

Q1. There are no Specialist Palliative Care Inpatient Units within Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB). Inpatient hospice admissions are provided via commissioned services. PTHB commissions services from a number of Welsh health boards and English provider organisations. We therefore recommend that you approach our provider organisations directly for this information. The table below lists the main health boards and NHS Trust from which we commission health services for Powys residents. Please note that all providers may not necessarily offer services that fall within the definition in your request.

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk
Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Velindre University NHS Trust	Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk

Q2. Not applicable. Please see Q1 above.

Q3. PTHB can confirm there were no suicides or attempted suicides in any hospital wards by patients receiving palliative care.

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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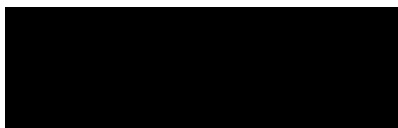
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Yours sincerely



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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.