

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.094.26

8 April 2026

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

## **Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your email of 2 March 2026, in which you advised that you had submitted a Freedom of Information request for which you expected a response by 5 February 2026. Following receipt of your chaser, Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) carried out thorough checks of the 'FOI' and 'Geninfo' mailboxes, as well as searches of the 'What Do They Know website', to identify the original request, which we estimate would have been received in early January 2026. However, we have been unable to locate or verify receipt of it. We are therefore grateful to have received following our clarification the full request text on 26 March 2026, enabling us to now process your request in line with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm, in accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the Act, that PTHB partly holds the information you have requested. For ease of reference, your request is set out below, followed by the Health Board's response.

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information: Please can you provide data for the past ten years on chicken pox hospitalisations within your health board hospitals, specifically:-

Q1. Total number of hospitalisations for each year from 2015-2025 (or if data not yet available for 2025, 2014-2024).

Q2. Ages of patients hospitalised and whether they already had underlying health conditions.

Q3. Were any patients sent to ICU?

Q4. Did any patients die from chickenpox? If so, what were the ages and did they have underlying health conditions?

#### Clarification Requested 2 March 2026:

We have checked our records and can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board has not received your request regarding chickenpox hospitalisations. Please can you provide us with a copy of your full request. Once received, we will manage your request in line with legislation and further information can be found on our website here: <https://pthb.nhs.wales/use-of-site/freedom-of-information/>

#### Clarification Received 26 March 2026:

Copied and pasted from the What Do They Know.com Website where this is clearly showing as sent on the date previously mentioned.

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#### Powys Response:

Q1. Please note that information from 2015 – March 2017 is not available. I can confirm that from April 2017 to date, there have been no admissions for chickenpox recorded.

Q2 - Q4. Not applicable as Powys Teaching Health Board does not have any Intensive Care Units (ICU).

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)

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

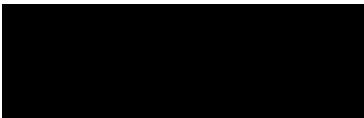
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Further information including a sample license terms and fees can be found at [Open Government Licence](#).

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.