

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.104.26

10 March 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 10 March 2026, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold 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:

I am seeking aggregated data relating to MRI-related adverse events or safety incidents recorded within your Trust.

To minimise the administrative burden of this request, please provide information already recorded in existing reports, incident management systems, or summaries where available, and only where it can be retrieved within the cost limit.

Please provide the following information for the most recent five financial years available, or the maximum period available if five years is not readily retrievable.

Q1. Total number of reported MRI-related adverse events or safety incidents within your Trust.

Q2. Where recorded, a breakdown of incidents by category. If available, examples may include:

- Patient burns during MRI scanning
- Projectile incidents involving ferromagnetic objects
- Non-MRI compatible equipment taken into the MRI scanner room (Zone IV)
- Damage to the MRI scanner or associated equipment
- MRI quench events

- Adverse events related to implants or devices
- Patient injury or near-miss incidents relating to MRI safety

If incidents are recorded using different or broader internal categories, please provide those categories instead.

Q3. Where recorded, please indicate:

- The number of incidents per year
- Whether the incident was classified as harm, no harm, or near miss

Q4. If available within existing records, please indicate whether incidents involved:

- Ferromagnetic equipment or objects entering the MRI scanner room
- Non-MRI compatible equipment brought into the MRI scanner room
- Damage to the MRI scanner

Q5. Operational impact, where recorded:

- Estimated scanner downtime resulting from incidents (hours or days, if recorded)
- Whether the scanner required service intervention or repair
- Number of MRI scans cancelled due to incidents
- Number of patients rescheduled due to incidents

Q6. Financial impact, where recorded:

- Any estimated cost of repair, servicing, or replacement
- Any estimated operational cost associated with scanner downtime

Q7. If recorded, please indicate the incident reporting system used (for example Datix or other internal incident reporting systems).

If possible, please could data be provided in spreadsheet format, such as Excel or CSV.

If responding to the full request would exceed the cost limit, I would be grateful if you could:

- Provide any portion of the data that can be supplied within the cost limit, and
- Advise how the request might be refined to allow further information to be provided.

Please note that I am requesting aggregated incident data only, and I am not requesting any identifiable patient or staff information.

Powys Response:

Q1-Q7. Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services in DGH provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have MRI scanners; therefore, this is a nil response.

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

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


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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.