

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.109.26

17 April 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 12 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Q1. How many rounds of Intra-uterine insemination (IUI) will your health board fund for a same-sex couple, once they've met NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee's eligibility criteria, as set out under policy CP38?

Q2. How many rounds of IUI will your health board fund for a single woman, once they've met NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee's eligibility criteria, as set out under policy CP38?

Q3a. How many rounds of IUI has your health board funded over the last five years – 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022 and 2021?

Q3b. How many of these, over the last five years, were for same-sex couples?

Q3c. How many of these, over the last five years, were for single women?

Background:

NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (WHSSC) states that in order for same sex couples to access IVF on the NHS in Wales, they need to show six rounds of unsuccessful Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) to be eligible, as detailed in Specialised Services Commissioning Policy: CP38. That policy, under subsection 3.2.7, states that it's up to each individual health board to decide how many rounds of IUI, if any, can be funded on the NHS, as follows:

"3.2.7 Sub-fertility Criteria – Sub-fertility must be demonstrated before there can be access to NHS funded IVF treatment. Sub-fertility for heterosexual couples is defined as inability to conceive after 2 years unprotected intercourse or a fertility problem demonstrated at investigation. Sub-fertility for same sex couples/single women/single men is defined as no live birth following insemination at or just prior to the known time of ovulation on at least six non-stimulated cycles or a fertility problem demonstrated at investigation. For same sex couples/single women/single men, the non-stimulated cycles may be achieved through a private arrangement or through NHS-provided IUI with donor sperm. Intra-uterine insemination (IUI) is not funded by WHSSC. Funding for IUI is the responsibility of the Health Boards. Where donor sperm is needed to undertake IUI, the donated sperm will be funded by WHSSC, but not the IUI procedure."

Powys Response:

Q1 - Q3. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) commissions gynaecology services, including Intra-uterine insemination (IUI), from other NHS Providers and works to their clinical guidelines and policies to enable consistency of service provision. We do not hold the information requested. The key providers are listed below; we therefore recommend that you approach them directly for this information.

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk

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

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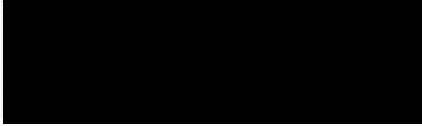
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Yours sincerely



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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.