

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.119.26

14 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 16 March 2026 and subsequent clarification received on 17 March 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 and Powys Response (Bold):

I am writing an information request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding statistics for bile duct cancer (cholangiocarcinoma) within the NHS Wales healthcare system. Specifically, I am looking for data covering the last 3 available reporting years, broken down by year, for the following:

Clarification Requested:

We note that your request asks for data relating to patients across Wales. Please be aware that we are only able to provide data for Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB). If you require information for other Welsh Health Boards, you will need to contact them directly to obtain the data. Please can you confirm whether you require data specifically for PTHB?

Clarification Received:

Thank you for this. I have contacted the other health boards. Sorry it isn't clear enough that I've done this in the email.

Q1. Diagnosis:

The total number of patients in Wales who received a primary diagnosis of bile duct cancer - **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is unable to provide this information, as the diagnosis of bile duct cancer is made by specialist secondary-care teams outside of PTHB. Consequently, this**

diagnostic information is not recorded within the Health Board's electronic systems.

PTHB is a non-acute care provider and therefore does not directly provide oncology services including diagnosis and treatment of bile duct cancer. PTHB commissions oncology services from several 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
Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
The Robert Jones Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.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	CTM.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. Mortality:

The total number of deaths recorded in Wales where bile duct cancer was listed as the primary cause of death – **Please see the table below for the number of deaths for PTHB patients:**

Please Note: The figures below are for those recorded with primary cause of death as bile duct cancer and place of residence at the time of death was Powys.

Year	Number of Deaths
2023	7

2024	6
2025	9

Q3. Survival Rates:

The number of patients who died within a year of their diagnosis of bile duct cancer in Wales – **Please see response to Q1 above.**

Q4. Cross-Border Referrals:

The number of patients residing in Wales who were referred to NHS England trusts for specialist treatment or surgery specifically related to bile duct cancer. **PTHB only receives information related to the specialty a patient is referred into and not the specific reason for the referral.**

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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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.