

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.127.26

31 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 20 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 each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

I am a registered midwife undertaking postgraduate research at Bournemouth University, exploring current provision relating to intrapartum (labour and birth) care for neurodivergent people within maternity services.

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether your trust holds the following information, and if so, provide copies or links where available:

Q1. Policies and Procedures: Does your trust have any formal policies, pathways, or standard operating procedures that reference the care of neurodivergent patients during labour and birth? If so, please provide copies or links.- **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have reference to neurodivergent patients in our policies or standard operating procedures within maternity services.**

Q2. Guidelines or Protocols for Staff: Does your trust provide any guidance or protocols for staff relating to communication approaches, sensory adjustments,

reasonable adjustments, or other supportive care for neurodivergent patients during the intrapartum period? If so, please provide copies or links. – **PTHB does not have specific guidance or protocols for staff caring for neurodivergent patients during the intrapartum period. Midwives provide individualised care to all Powys residents who access maternity care.**

Q3. Resources, Tools, or Training Materials: Does your trust use any resources, tools, or training materials (e.g. visual aids, communication tools, sensory supports, or staff training resources) to support neurodivergent patients during labour and birth? If so, please provide copies, links, or a brief description. – **No.**

Where possible, I would appreciate if the information can be provided in an electronic format. If documents are not held centrally but are used locally within services, a brief description of what is available would be helpful. If no information is held or available, please confirm this.

If any of this information is already publicly available, I would be grateful if you could direct me to the relevant source.

If this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit or would benefit from refinement, I would appreciate advice and assistance under Section 16 of the Act.

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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Yours sincerely



Amie Symes
Director of Midwifery, Women and Family

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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.