

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.212.26

29 May 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 26 May 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 writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information from the financial years 2020/2021 to the end of the financial year 2025/2026:

Q1. The total number of patients aged under 21 who presented, or were referred within your organisation with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of an asbestos-related disease, including but not limited to: mesothelioma, asbestosis, pleural plaques, pleural effusion attributed to asbestos exposure, or diffuse pleural thickening.

Q2. Please break this figure down by financial year. Where the number of cases in any given year is five or fewer, please state "<5" rather than the exact figure.

Q3. Please confirm whether your organisation holds any coded data for these conditions in patients aged under 21, even if no cases have been recorded during the period.

If you do not hold this information, please confirm that is the case and, where possible, advise which body may hold it.

I am happy to receive this information in any electronic format. If you require clarification to process this request, please contact me at the address below.

### Powys Response:

I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not treat patients with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of an asbestos-related disease. Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have District General Hospital (DGH) services or Accident & Emergency (A&E) departments within the county. Our residents access acute and specialist services from neighbouring District General Hospitals. I therefore recommend you contact them 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.

<b>Health Trust/Organisation</b>	<b>FOI Contact Details</b>
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
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

<b>Health Board/Organisation</b>	<b>FOI Contact Details</b>
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	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

If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Should you wish an internal review, please quote the reference number and send your correspondence to the above address.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner 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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All information supplied by the Health Board in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015.

Under the terms of the Regulations, the Health Board will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however, the Health Board reserves the right, in certain circumstances to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

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.