



Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) Research and Development Capability Statement

PTHB covers 25% of the landmass of Wales and is home to 5% of the Welsh population. It has a unique position in the heartland of Wales, with the majority of the 160-mile shared border with England and therefore has a role in multiple healthcare systems. Our residents' access District General Hospital's (DGH) and Specialist Care treatment from a range of providers across England and Wales with the largest activity, 45% of our patients, flowing into England for their secondary and tertiary care treatment.

PTHB is both a provider and a commissioner of healthcare for the population of Powys providing access to services in both Wales and England, PTHB can demonstrate a strong track record in taking a 'whole system approach' to planning care, with partners. PTHB is a primary care & community care service leader delivering in a very rural setting. Powys is well placed to support the shift of secondary care provision into primary and community care service delivery.

Powys has a network of community hospitals and centres, local primary care teams, visiting consultants and specialists, social care and voluntary organisations who all work together to provide a wide range of health services in our local communities.

Our Health and Care Strategy 'A Healthy, Caring Powys' is the anchor strategy for health and care in Powys as a region, and as such sets out the transformation ahead. This includes the support and care for the whole of the Powys population, enabling people to start well, live well and age well.

Powys is a 'Teaching' Health Board and value the importance of research. The joining up of Research, Innovation and Improvement through the School of Research, Development and Innovation is key in bringing it front and centre.

PTHB provides the following facilities across our 8 community hospitals: -

- Inpatient Ward
- Minor Injuries
- Out of Hours (OOH)
- Midwife-led Birth Centre
- Midwifery Day Assessment Unit
- Endoscopy
- X-ray
- Sonography
- Outpatient Audiology
- Adult and Children Dialysis
- Respiratory Physiology

PTHB also offers the following facilities: -

- The Hazels, Bryntirion, Ty Illtyd, Ystradgynlais Mental Health Resource Centres, Fan Gorau Unit are community Mental Health Facilities.
- Park Street Clinic provides a range of community clinics.
- Ynys Y Plant provides a range of community services for children and young people.
- The Glan Irfon 12-bed health and care unit provides short stay reablement.
- Brecon Children's Centre include community clinics for children and young people.
- The Health Care and Social Care Academy which is based on the Bronllys Hospital site includes educational space both indoors and outdoors, a plenary and flexible working space with access to interactive screens for virtual attendance.
- The academy is home to Magpies Bungalow which is an adapted living space to provide simulated learning in a community setting.
- Our well-equipped physical library provides access to high-quality library services which are available to all PTHB staff, students, Powys primary care teams, and other partner organisations to support research, innovation and improvement activities across Powys.

Powys Research & Development (R&D) Department is core funded by Health and Care Research Wales. The R&D Department work closely with the Regional Innovation Co-ordination (RIIC) Hub for support and leadership.

To support continuing development of innovation and participation in Research PTHB supports funding for a Lead for Clinical Research to enable Powys to conduct safe and efficient research and an Assistant Director of Innovation and Improvement of which research is a part of the portfolio.

We have a small core team of experts who support the set-up, governance and quality assurance of research studies.

Types Of Studies Organisations Has Capabilities In			
	Study administering questionnaires	Qualitative study	OTHER
As sponsoring organisation	✓	✓	
As participating organisation	✓	✓	
As participant identification centre	✓	✓	

Powys has an interest in all types of research and continue to grow our portfolio. If you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team for further information on what the School of Research, Development and Innovation team can offer Bright.IdeasPowys@wales.nhs.uk.