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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 28 April 2023, 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 our response follows:

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

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

1. The number of patients within the Health Board who were diagnosed with Barrett's Oesophagus within each calendar year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
2. The number of patients with Barret's Oesophagus undergoing active surveillance via endoscopy within each calendar year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
3. The average length of time between surveillance appointments for Barrett's oesophagus patients over the last 5 years within the health board.
4. The number of Barrett's Oesophagus patients who were diagnosed with oesophageal cancer within each calendar year 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

### Powys Response:

1. I can confirm that PTHB does not collect figures on the date of diagnosis for Barrett's Oesophagus. To answer your question this would require a manual trawl of all patients' medical records from 2018 to 2022. We estimate that

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the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving, and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

2. Please see Table below for the number of patients with Barret’s Oesophagus undergoing active surveillance via endoscopy for each calendar year.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total</b>
2018	16
2019	14
2020	30
2021	43
2022	35

3. The average length of time between surveillance appointments for Barrett’s oesophagus patients over the last 5 years is typically 2-3 years.

4. I can confirm that PTHB does not collect figures on the number of Barrett’s Oesophagus patients who were diagnosed with oesophageal cancer. To answer your question this would require a manual trawl of all patients’ medical records from 2018 to 2022. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving, and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive  
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters  
Glasbury House  
Bronllys Hospital  
Bronllys  
Brecon  
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

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Churchill House,  
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Cardiff, CF10 2HH

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. C. Jones' with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Executive Director of Operations / Community and Mental Health**