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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 14 August 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:

HYSTEROSCOPY INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT PATHWAYS

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) please may I have answers to the following:

1. Does your Trust currently have both an inpatient (day-case) pathway and an outpatient pathway for hysteroscopy?
2. Currently, roughly what percentage of your Trust's hysteroscopies are done with an anaesthetist
 - a) diagnostic?
 - b) operative (e.g. polypectomy, myomectomy, endometrial ablation)?
3. What is the current approximate waiting time in weeks for a patient who asks for a general anaesthetic, spinal anaesthetic or IV sedation with analgesia for hysteroscopy
 - a) under the 2 week wait as an urgent referral for suspected womb cancer?
 - b) not under the 2 week wait?

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

4. Has your Trust adopted, or is your Trust adopting the NHS Getting It Right First Time (Maternity & Gynaecology Report) targets of
 - a) 90% diagnostic hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?
 - b) 50% operative hysteroscopies to be done in outpatients?
5. May I have a copy of the full range of pain scores obtained by your Trust in the BSGE 2019 outpatient hysteroscopy benchmarking survey?
6. Is entonox or pentrox routinely available to all your outpatient hysteroscopy patients?
7. Are local anaesthetic paracervical blocks routinely available in outpatients?
8. Please may I see any audits of hysteroscopic procedures during the last 5 years?
9. Are pain scores taken at all your outpatient hysteroscopy clinics?
10. Does your Trust have a Procedural Sedation Analgesia clinic for 'minor gynae' including hysteroscopy?

Powys Response:

1. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) hysteroscopies are performed as day-cases (inpatient).

Q2 & Q3. PTHB is unable to answer these questions because it does not centrally collect information identifying whether anaesthesia was used in a procedure. This would only be captured within the patient's health record, therefore, we cannot identify from the data which hysteroscopies were performed with/without an anaesthetist.

4. PTHB has committed to the principles of NHS Getting It Right First Time (Maternity & Gynaecology Report) and is in development of actions to optimise these pathways.

5. Not Applicable.

6. Not Applicable.

7. Not Applicable.

8. PTHB has not carried out this type of audit.

9. Not Applicable.

10. Not Applicable.

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
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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:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.

Yours sincerely



Joy Garfitt
Director of Operations/ Director of Community & Mental Health