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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 6 December 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:

This is a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information you have pertaining to NHS Trust unlicensed medicine expenditure.

1. What is the total value of spend by your NHS Trust on unlicensed medication (i.e. Special Order, Drug Tariff Special Order, Part VIIID Drug Tariff Special Order) that have a BNF liquid formulation (e.g. liquid, solution, suspension)? Please provide this information on a volume and value basis for the following years (please fill in the tables below).

Note: Value of spend to mean either net ingredient cost or actual cost. Please state which you have used below. Actual cost would be the total cost to NHS commissioners whereas NIC is the cost at list price excluding VAT.

Total value:

| Type | Total spend / cost on liquid unlicensed products procured | | |
|---------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-22 to Mar-23 |
| Special Order | | | |

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| Drug Tariff Special Order | | | |
| Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order | | | |
| Other Special | | | |

Total volume:

| Type | Total volume of liquid unlicensed products procured | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-20 to Mar-21 |
| Special Order | | | |
| Drug Tariff Special Order | | | |
| Part VIID Drug Tariff Special Order | | | |
| Other Special | | | |

2. Do you outsource the manufacturing of liquid unlicensed products?
3. If no to question 2 (use of outsourcing providers), what proportion of the products that you manufacture in-house are aseptically compounded rather than terminally sterilised?
4. If yes to question 2 (use of outsourcing providers), what is the total value of spend by provider? Please provide this information for the following years (please fill in the tables below).

Note: If more than 10 providers are used, please only detail spend with the top 10.

| Outsourcing provider (fill in empty rows with provider name, add rows if required) | Total value of liquid specials procured from each provider | | |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|
| | Apr-20 to Mar-21 | Apr-21 to Mar-22 | Apr-20 to Mar-21 |
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Powys Response:

Q1 Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by another means. Section 21 is absolute and therefore does not require a public interest test. PTHB has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain. To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance, you will find the information you

require by accessing the following link:

<https://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/primary-care-services/general-information/data-and-publications/prescribing-data-extracts/general-practice-prescribing-data-extract/>

Q2 -4 Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not directly outsource the manufacturing of unlicensed liquid specials. PTHB has Service Level Agreements (SLAs) in place for the provision of medicines to our community hospitals (stock and named patient supplies) with two health boards – Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Hywel Dda University Health Boards. We recommend you contact them directly via the following links to provide the requested information as it is not held by PTHB.

| Health Board/Organisation | FOI Contact Details |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Aneurin Bevan University Health Board | FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk |
| Hywel Dda University Health Board | FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk |

With regards to primary care, this information will need to be obtained from community pharmacy contractors and GP dispensing practices as this information is not held by the health board. Information can be found on the PTHB website for Powys Pharmacies and GP practices via the following link: [Primary Care Services - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

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
Powys LD3 0LY

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
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff, CF10 2HH
Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399
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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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "KL Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Kate Wright
Medical Director