

Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.035

16 February 2023

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 01 February 2023, 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and PTHB Response:

Questions:

Infrastructure:

- 1) Do you outsource your DXA scans? If Yes- please state the organisation providing this service and forward this FOI to your provider for completion (please continue to complete for any of the elements of the DXA pathway that are provided by your Trust/board).

PTHB do not provide DXA scans, these may be undertaken in a neighbouring District General Hospital. We recommend you contact them for further information. Please see the table below for contact details:

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaldr 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

NHS Providers (England)	Contact Details
Shrewsbury & Telford NHS Trust	info@sath.nhs.uk
Gloucester NHS Trust	https://foi.glosnhs.net/secureforms/informationrequestform/
Wye Valley NHS Trust	freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net

- 2) In January 2023 how many DXA scanning machines did you have at your trust/board for clinical use? **N/A**
 - a. n. Operational
 - b. n. not in use
 - c. n. accessible outside of Trust
- 3) What is the average weekly capacity for clinical scans? (N. of scans per week) **N/A**
- 4) What was your average DNA rate over the last 3 months? (n. DNA/total n. scans booked) **N/A**
- 5) What age range do you include in your clinical scans? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
 - a. <20 years
 - b. 20-40 years
 - c. 40-60 years
 - d. 60-75 years
 - e. 75-80 years
 - f. >80 years
- 6) What is the duration of your routine DXA appointment: **N/A**
 - a. 15 minutes or less
 - b. 16-25 minutes
 - c. 26-30 minutes
 - d. >30 minutes
- 7) What was the average wait for clinical patients from referral to scan in January 2023? **N/A**
 - a. <2 weeks (move to Q9)
 - b. 2-6 weeks (move to Q9)
 - c. 6-13 weeks
 - d. >13 weeks
- 8) What are your perceived barriers to delivering DXA scans within 6 weeks from referral? Please tick all that apply **N/A**

- a. Scanner capacity (DXA equipment)
 - b. Clinical capacity (operator)
 - c. Other- please state
- 9) What was the average time from the scan to the report being available to the referrer in January 2023? **N/A**
- a. <3 weeks (move to Q11)
 - b. 4-6 week
 - c. 6-13 weeks
 - d. >13 weeks
- 10) What are your perceived barriers to referrers receiving DXA scan reports within 3 weeks from scan? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
- a. Clerical- internal
 - b. Clinical- internal
 - c. Factors external to this service (please state)
 - d. Other (please state)
- 11) What hospital department is responsible for delivery of DXA scans: **N/A**
- a. Radiology
 - b. Medical physics
 - c. Nuclear medicine
 - d. Rheumatology
 - e. Other- please state
- 12) Which DXA examinations are included in routine protocols for the clinical service? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
- a. Lumbar spine
 - b. Proximal femur
 - c. Long femur (AFF assessment)
 - d. Total body
 - e. Vertebral fracture assessment (VFA)
 - f. Peripheral/forearm
- 13) What access facilities do you have available? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
- a. Overhead hoist
 - b. Portable hoist
 - c. Wheelchair transfers
 - d. Bed/trolley transfers
 - e. Changing room
 - f. assistance for transfers
 - g. Other- please state

Workforce:

- 1)
- i) What professional groups perform DXA scan measurements at your center? (DXA operators) **N/A**
 - a. Radiographer
 - b. DXA technician

- c. Assistant practitioner
- d. Clinical scientist
- e. Nurse
- f. Medical Dr- please state specialism
- g. Other- please state
- h. Unknown]

ii) Please indicate WTE for each group selected **N/A**

2) What DXA-specific training (outside of professional training) have the DXA operators performing scans had? **N/A**

- a. In house
- b. Manufacturers applications training
- c. Recognized/accredited national training programme (please state the name of the training programme/provider)
- d. Other- please state
- e. unknown

3) What professional groups report your DXA scans at your center? **N/A**

- a. Radiographer - internal
- b. Radiographer - external
- c. DXA technician – internal
- d. DXA technician - external
- e. Assistant practitioner – internal
- f. Assistant practitioner - external
- g. Clinical scientist – internal
- h. Clinical scientist - external
- i. Nurse -internal
- j. Nurse - external
- k. Medical Dr – internal - please state specialism(s)
- l. Medical Dr – external - please state specialism(s)
- m. Other- please state
- n. Reporting is outsourced
- o. unknown

4) What training (outside of professional training) have those reporting DXA scans had- specifically in DXA reporting? **N/A**

- a. In house
- b. Manufacturers applications training
- c. Recognized/accredited national training programme (please state the name of the training programme/provider)
- d. Other- please state
- e. unknown

5) What professional group provides clinical leadership for your service? **N/A**

- a. Radiographer
- b. DXA technician
- c. Assistant practitioner
- d. Clinical scientist
- e. Nurse

- f. Medical Dr- please state specialism(s)
 - g. Other- please state
 - h. unknown
- 6) Please indicate how many (WTE) clinical vacancies in your DXA service do you have in January 2023? (Free text) **N/A**

Quality:

- 1) Is your service accredited as part of a national programme? **N/A**
 - a. ISAS
 - b. IOS
 - c. Other- please state
 - d. None
 - e. Unknown

- 2) What clinical audits do you routinely undertake? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
 - a. DXA scan technique
 - b. Reporting (double reporting)
 - c. Reporting (clinical review)
 - d. Scanner QA review
 - e. Other- please state
 - f. unknown

- 3) What IR(ME)R audits do you routinely undertake? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
 - a. Patient pregnancy
 - b. DXA dose audit
 - c. Referrer entitlement
 - d. Scan justification
 - e. Other- please state
 - f. unknown

- 4) What clinical protocols do you have in place? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
 - a. Scan site
 - b. Scan mode
 - c. Reference data selection
 - d. Patient positioning
 - e. Scan analysis
 - f. Interpretation- T&Z-scores
 - g. Reporting
 - h. Other- please state
 - i. Unknown

- 5) Which of the following are routinely included in the DXA report issued to the PRIMARY CARE referrer? Please tick all that apply **N/A**
 - a. Admin. details
 - i. Date of assessment
 - ii. Patient ID and demographics

- iii. Reason for referral
 - iv. Reporter's ID
- b. BMD results for each measurement site
 - i. T score (after peak bone mass)
 - ii. Z score
 - iii. Rate of change for serial measurements
- c. Comment on reliability of measurements
 - i. BMD results
 - ii. Documentation of excluded measurements eg vertebrae
 - iii. Statistical significance of rate of change
 - iv. Clinical significance of rate of change
- d. WHO diagnostic category (for adults after peak bone mass)
- e. Results of additional investigations performed at DXA appointment
 - i. VFA
 - ii. X-ray or other imaging
 - iii. Laboratory tests
- f. Summary of clinical risk factors for fracture
- g. Summary of fracture history
- h. Clinical interpretation to quantify absolute fracture risk
 - i. FRAX+BMD
 - ii. FRAX + TBS
 - iii. FRAX+BMD plus comment on additional adjustment
 - iv. Statement on level of risk based on clinical judgement (eg low/moderate/high)
- i. Management advice
 - i. Reference to national guideline (NICE/NOGG/ROS)
 - ii. Reference to local management guideline
 - iii. Individualised advice
- j. Recommendations on:
 - i. Need for onward referral eg falls assessment or additional investigation
 - ii. Timing of future scan

6) Which of the following are routinely included in the DXA report issued to the SECONDARY CARE referrer? Please tick all that apply **N/A**

- a. Admin. details
 - i. Date of assessment
 - ii. Patient ID and demographics
 - iii. Reason for referral
 - iv. Reporter's ID
- b. BMD results for each measurement site
 - i. T score (after peak bone mass)
 - ii. Z score
 - iii. Rate of change for serial measurements
- c. Comment on reliability of measurements
 - i. BMD results
 - ii. Documentation of excluded measurements eg vertebrae
 - iii. Statistical significance of rate of change
 - iv. Clinical significance of rate of change
- d. WHO diagnostic category (for adults after peak bone mass)
- e. Results of additional investigations performed at DXA appointment

- i. VFA
- ii. X-ray or other imaging
- iii. Laboratory tests
- f. Summary of clinical risk factors for fracture
- g. Summary of fracture history
- h. Clinical interpretation to quantify absolute fracture risk
 - i. FRAX+BMD
 - ii. FRAX + TBS
 - iii. FRAX+BMD plus comment on additional adjustment
 - iv. Statement on level of risk based on clinical judgement (eg low/moderate/high)
- i. Management advice
 - i. Reference to national guideline
 - ii. Reference to local management guideline
 - iii. Individualised advice
- j. Recommendations on:
 - i. Need for onward referral eg falls assessment or additional investigation
 - ii. Timing of future scan
- k. The secondary care report is the same as the primary care report

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:

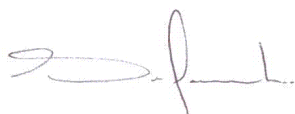
Chief Executive
 Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
 Glasbury House
 Bronllys Hospital
 Bronllys
 Brecon
 Powys LD3 0LY

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
www.ico.org.uk twitter.com/iconews

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, appearing to read 'D. Farnsworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Farnsworth
Assistant Director: Community Services Group

On behalf of Hayley Thomas
Deputy CEO and Director of Primary Care, Community & Mental Health
Services