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21 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 9 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 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:

1. Does the Trust have a person appointed Armed Forces/Veterans Champion?
2. If so, what is their name and contact details?
3. Does the Trust have an agreed suicide prevention action plan or strategy?
4. If so, does this strategy recognise veterans as an at-risk, priority or tailored group?
5. If so, does your strategy reference veterans in any other way?
6. If so, when is your strategy due to be reviewed?

### Powys Response:

Q1 Yes PTHB do have an appointed Armed Forces / Veteran Champion.

Q2 Their contact details are: Kirsty Williams, - Vice Chair of the Board,  
[Kirsty.Williams30@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Williams30@wales.nhs.uk)

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh  
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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Q3 PTHB are responsible for delivering the actions outlined within Welsh Government's Talk to Me 2, Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Strategy for Wales. The Talk to Me 2 Delivery Group has been established to lead the programme of work at a local level ensuring priorities are responsive to the needs of local residents of Powys. The Delivery Group sits with the governance structure of the Live Well Mental Health Planning and Development Partnership and is therefore aligned to the National 'Together for Mental Health' agenda

Q4 Yes, veterans are recorded as a priority group within WG's Talk to Me 2 strategy, referenced as '*Armed Forces personnel*'.

Powys Teaching Health Board are re-establishing their Powys Armed and Ex-Forces Forum in March 2023. Following the Forum's standing down during the Pandemic, the Public Health led forum will be refreshing the Forum's Action Plan, ensuring it aligns with the Talk to Me 2 Strategy and the responsibilities outlined within the Armed Forces Covenant's Duty of Due Regard.

Q5 No the strategy does not reference veterans in any other way.

Q6 Welsh Government's Talk to Me 2 strategy was due to be reviewed in 2020; due to the Pandemic, review and update was delayed. Welsh Government published a mid-point review on the 15 March 2018 which is available on their website.

Welsh Government are yet to release a confirmed timeframe for the publication of the next iteration of the strategy. In the interim, Powys Teaching Health Board's Suicide Prevention, Harm Reduction & Postvention Quality Improvement Lead continues to work towards the strategic aims and objectives within the 2015 -2020 strategy. PTHB are also a key partner at the Mid and West Wales Regional Forum for Suicide and Self Harm Prevention.

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:

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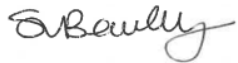
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Yours sincerely



**Mererid Bowley**  
**Executive Director of Public Health**