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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 February 2023 and subsequent clarification received on 14 March 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:

I wish to make a series of requests under the Freedom of Information Act. For convenience, I am including them in the same email. The requests are as follows:

1. Please provide the name of all commissioned providers for Cataract surgery within your Health Board.
2. Please provide the name of all providers offering Cataract surgery within your Health Board who are delivering through non-contracted activity.
3. Please provide details of the referral pathway (s) (by Health Board) for patients who are being referred for Cataract surgery. Please state if referrals are made to a provider directly, via the patients GP or other route of referral. (if other, please provide details).
4. Please confirm if your Health Board have commissioned and are using any Electronic Eyecare Referral Systems. If so, please confirm then name of the provider.

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5. Please confirm the details of how post operative care is delivered for Cataract patients within your Health Board. If different by place, please confirm for all.
6. For the providers detailed in your response to questions 1 and 2. Please provide the total number of completed Cataract surgery for the periods 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) for your Health Board'.
7. For the providers detailed in your response to question 1. Please provide the current wait times for Cataract surgery.
8. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your ICS.
9. Please provide the total number of patients waiting 52+ weeks for Cataract surgery within your Health Board and of those how many have been waiting 104+ weeks
10. By provider detailed in question 1. Please confirm when the current contract that includes Cataract surgery is due to expire and if there is an option to extend services. If there is an option to extend, please advise on how long for.
11. Please confirm then name and contact details of the individual(s) who manages these contracts within your Health Board.
12. Please confirm the Health Boards commissioning intentions on Cataract surgery for 2023/24.

Clarification request:

Q1 Please can you clarify whether you want to know about services PTHB commission to be delivered within our Health Board or services we commission as a Health Board for our residents?

Clarification response:

I would like to understand the services PTHB commission to be delivered within our Health Board.

Powys Response:

1. I can confirm that Wye Valley NHS Trust is PTHB's sole commissioned provider for cataract surgery within Powys day case units.
2. There are no providers who deliver non-contracted activity.
3. Referrals are received from Community Optometry/GPs into PTHB outpatients, from outpatients they are listed for treatment as required.
4. PTHB are currently involved with the National Eye Care Digitisation programme. This is due to be piloted in Powys over forthcoming months.

Provider of the system is Open Eyes and procurement process has taken place nationally.

5. Post operative care is delivered for Cataract patients within community optometry. Access to Eye Department, Hereford hospital for urgent care is also available. Access to any other urgent eye care is via Emergency Departments across Wales and England.

Please see table below for the total number of completed Cataract surgery for the periods 2021/22 and 2022/23 (to date) for our Health Board. Source - PTHB admitted patient care data set.

Provider	2021-2022	2022-2023
Powys Teaching Local Health Board	648	724

Please see table below for waiting times of pathways waiting for cataract surgery in Powys Teaching Health Board. All waiting times are reported as a snapshot, providing the position of open pathway (patients waiting) at month end. As of the 31/03/2023 a total of 453 pathways were waiting for cataract surgery (table below). Source - PTHB WPAS.

Reported Weeks Wait Band	Pathway count
0 to 25 Weeks	413
26 to 35 Weeks	36
36 to 52 Weeks	4
Total	453

6. There are currently (as @ 31/03/2023) 453 patients waiting for cataract surgery where PTHB is the provider.
7. There are zero patients waiting more than 52 weeks for cataract surgery where PTHB is the provider.
8. Current Service Level Agreement operates on an annual basis, ending 31 March 2023. These are reviewed and renewed on an annual basis.
9. Currently the Interim Director of Planning & Performance is Stephen.Powell4@wales.nhs.uk. This may change due to upcoming role changes.
10. To continue with current commissioning arrangements working with NHS partners on regional plans for eye care services.

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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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



Stephen Powell
Interim Director of Planning & Performance