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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 4 July 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:

Q1a) Is any of the product(s) purchased/used in your hospital contain Chitin/Chitosan (e.g. surgical sutures, materials in wound healing/tissue engineering/dentistry/drug delivery)?

Yes       No

If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2a.

If the answer to Q1a is No then:

Q1b) Do you plan on utilizing products containing Chitin/Chitosan in the next two years?

Yes       No

If the answer to Q1b is No, you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

If the answer to Q1b is Yes, answer Q2a and then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.

Q2a) What product(s) do you have in the hospital (or intend to purchase) that [powys.geninfo@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:powys.geninfo@wales.nhs.uk) contains Chitin/Chitosan?

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Q2b) For each product listed in response to Question Q2a, could you please provide the following details:

- The product's brand name.
- The purpose of the product and in which department it is used.
- The approximate volume of the product used/purchased over the last financial year (1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023).

Q3) Has the hospital received any complaints or filed any cases of side effects from using the Chitin/Chitosan product(s) mentioned above? If so, please provide detail of the following:

- a) Number of cases in years 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023
- b) description of the most three common side effects
- c) Which product(s) caused the most commonly seen side effects

Q4) Is there any limitation(s), certification(s), or regulatory requirement(s) that are bounded when utilizing Chitin/Chitosan in the hospital (i.e. ISO standards or Ethics, etc)? If so, please specify.

Q5) Is the hospital currently or will be promoting any new products containing chitin or chitosan?

I would be interested in any information held by your organization regarding my request. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.

I would like the information to be emailed to me electronically, preferably in Word.

#### Powys Response:

Q1a & 1b PTHB can confirm the answer is no, therefore the rest of the questionnaire is 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  
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

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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



**Richard Stratton**  
**Assistant Medical Director**