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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 July 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:

Please may I request the following information from your health board. For ease of collation, the information could be provided in the tables provided after each question.

1. The numbers of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the following years after a phone consultation.

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 (SO FAR) |
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2. The numbers of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the following years after one GP consultation regarding their mental health.

| 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 (SO FAR) |
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3. Can I also confirm if there is a method by which the NHS tracks side effects experienced from use of these drugs?

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Antidepressants in this instance refers to any of the following classifications of drugs: SSRIs, SNRIs, NASSAs, TCAs, SARIs, MAOIs.

I would like to receive this information electronically.

Clarification Request:

Please can you clarify if the questions relate to children or adults or both children and adults?

Clarification Response:

This refers to both children and adults please.

Powys Response:

Q1 & 2 I can confirm that PTHB does not collect this data centrally. In order to answer your question this would require a manual trawl of all patients' medical records. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Q3. The method by which Powys Teaching Health Board tracks any side effects experienced using drugs can be reported via the National Yellow Card Scheme if significant or unexpected. Any routine side effects/ intolerances would be documented on the patients' medical records which are held at GP practice level.

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
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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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Yours sincerely

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

Kate Wright
Medical Director