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27 July 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 7 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:

I am writing to request the following information:

### **Freedom of Information Request: Pregnancy and Miscarriage**

1. How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health board?  
Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?
2. Do you have any *dedicated* recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
3. Do you have any *dedicated* pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non-recurring losses) within your health board? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?
4. How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?
5. What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?

### Powys Response:

Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have district general hospital services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services including consultant-led obstetric and gynaecology services in District General Hospitals (DGH) provided by

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh  
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neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. Women and families will normally access services such as early pregnancy units and pregnancy-loss/miscarriage clinics through their nearest DGH. In Powys we provide a midwifery-led maternity services, working with women and with nearby DGH services to provide continuity of care.

1. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) can confirm that we do not have any early pregnancy units in Powys. We use the nearest District General Hospital (DGH) to the expectant mother and would arrange care and review at that DGH.
2. PTHB can confirm that it does not have any dedicated recurrent pregnancy loss clinics for recurrent miscarriage clinics.
3. These services are not provided by PTHB. Affected patients are referred to a district general hospital outside of Powys if they require an early pregnancy unit review.
4. Patients who have experienced 3 or more consecutive miscarriages are recommended for obstetric led care in their pregnancy.
5. PTHB midwives support women if they choose to accept a visit from them once they've suffered a miscarriage. Patients who have experienced a miscarriage will also be able to access services via their District General Hospital.

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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff, CF10 2HH  
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Garfitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Joy Garfitt**  
**Director of Operations/Director of Community & Mental Health**