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18 August 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 14 July 2023 and subsequent clarification received on 19 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 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 would like to make a freedom of information request for the following, please:

1. The quantity of single use drinking water bottles purchased by Powys Teaching Health Board annually, for the past 5 years
2. The cost of said purchase
3. Details of the supply and disposal chains.

Clarification Requested:

Please can you clarify whether your request relates to bottled drinking water dispensers or Plastic water bottles procured or relating to those sold in canteens.

Clarification Response:

In clarification, I'm referring specifically to the small single-use plastic water bottles distributed to staff and sold in the canteen, not the larger water bottles for the dispensing machines.

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Powys Response:

1&2) Please see table below for Usage report for all bottled water purchased by Powys from 31st July 2018 to 31st July 2023.

Year Purchased	Unit Price	Quantity Ordered per Case	Total Cost
2018	N/A	N/A	N/A
June 2019 Oct 2019	£6.55 £13.95	1 2	£6.55 £27.90 Total £34.45
January 2020 March 2020 October 2020	£8.40 £8.40 £3.60	1 1 6	£8.40 £8.40 £21.60 Total £38.40
January 2021	£3.60	24	£86.40
January 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
January 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
January 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
January 2021	£3.60	1	£3.60
January 2021	£3.60	12	£43.20
February 2021	£3.60	6	£21.60
February 2021	£3.60	2	£7.20
February 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
March 2021	£3.60	36	£129.60
March 2021	£3.60	24	£86.40
March 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
March 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
April 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
April 2021	£3.60	36	£129.60
April 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
April 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
May 2021	£3.60	5	£18.00
May 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
May 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
June 2021	£3.60	11	£39.60
June 2021	£3.60	22	£79.20
June 2021	£3.60	3	£10.80
June 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
June 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
June 2021	£3.60	30	£108.00
July 2021	£3.99	10	£39.90
July 2021	£3.99	10	£39.90
July 2021	£3.60	30	£108.00
July 2021	£3.60	24	£86.40
July 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
July 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
July 2021	£3.60	1	£3.60
August 2021	£3.60	25	£90.00

August 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
August 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
August 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
September 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
September 2021	£3.60	3	£10.80
September 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
October 2021	£3.60	22	£79.20
October 2021	£3.60	22	£79.20
October 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
October 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
November 2021	£3.60	4	£14.40
November 2021	£3.60	8	£28.80
November 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
November 2021	£3.60	9	£32.40
November 2021	£3.60	10	£36.00
November 2021	£15.00	2	£30.00
			Total £1,787.40
2022	N/A	N/A	N/A
July 2023	£4.09	5	£20.45
			Total £20.45

3) PTHB are withholding this information as it is considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information because it was felt that, in doing so, it could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the Health Board and third parties we work with.

As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this.

In terms of Disposing plastic single use water bottles, if the water bottles get deposited into our recycling pods, they will get collected and sorted by Powys County Council and processed at a plastic recycling facility. However, if the single use water bottles get deposited into our black bag general waste

stream, they will get collected by Powys County Council and processed at an Energy and Waste plant.

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:

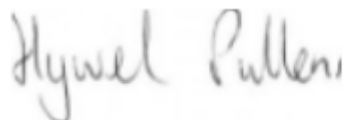
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

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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



Hywel Pullen
Deputy Director of Finance