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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 11 May 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:

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) wishes to make a series of separate requests under the Freedom of Information Act. For convenience, we are including them in one request.

They are as follows:

Request 1: Please confirm how many whole-time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists, technicians and assistants, by Agenda for Change (AfC) band, were employed by Powys Teaching Health Board (children & young people's services and adult services) on the 31st of March 2023.

This should include any generic assistant or technical instructor posts that support physiotherapy service provision. Also, please note that physiotherapy staff work in a range of clinical settings. The answer to this request must also capture physiotherapy staff not directly line-managed by the head of physiotherapy services eg occupational health, community resource teams (CRTs).

Request 2: Please confirm how many whole-time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapist, technician and assistant vacancies were held in Powys

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Teaching Health Board as of 31st of March 2023. The answer should identify the number of registered physiotherapists and the number of unregistered support staff as separate figures. Do not include admin and clerical.

Request 3: Please confirm or deny if Powys Teaching Health Board has had any periods of time within the last 12 months to the 31st of March 2023 where recruitment to posts has been delayed? If confirmed, please provide reasons (short narrative) for the delay.

Request 4: Please confirm or deny whether there have been any physiotherapy service developments in Powys Teaching Health Board during the last financial year (April 2022 to end of March 2023).

If confirmed:

- a. Please provide details of the developments.
- b. Please confirm or deny whether these were supported by additional resources.

Request 5: Please confirm or deny if there have been any discontinued posts and/or services in the last year (April 2022 to end of March 2023). If confirmed, please provide details.

Request 6: Please confirm or deny if there has been any increase or decrease in demand for physiotherapy services in the last year (April 2022 to end of March 2023). If confirmed, please provide details.

Request 7: Please provide details of the level of budget increase or reduction made by the physiotherapy service in Powys Teaching Health Board in the last financial year (April 2022 to end of March 2023) and what this is as a percentage of the physiotherapy budget.

Request 8: Please provide details of projected % budgetary savings to be made for this financial year (April 2022 to end of March 2023).

Request 9: Please provide details of spend on agency/locum staff in the last year April 2022 to end of March 2023.

Powys Response:

1&2. Please see the table below in response to your request:

Staff Group	SUB DESCRIPTION	Contracted 31/3/2023	Budgeted 31/03/2023	Variance
Additional clinical services	Physiotherapy Support Band 2	0.6		-0.60
	Physiotherapy Support Band 3	11.56	5.21	-6.35
	Physiotherapy Support Band 4	2.00	3.50	1.50
Additional clinical services- Pay Total		14.16	8.71	-5.45
Allied Health Professionals - Pay	Physiotherapist Band 5	10.00	10.50	0.50
	Physiotherapist Band 6	19.33	21.84	2.51
	Physiotherapist Band 7	13.50	16.60	3.10
	Physiotherapist Band 8A	2.00	3.00	1.00
	Physiotherapist Band 8B	4.00	1.00	-3.00
	Physiotherapist Band 8C	0.00	1.00	1.00
24: Allied Health Professionals - Pay Total		48.83	53.94	5.11

Q3 PTHB does not hold this information. Recruitment is delivered via NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP). We recommend you contact them directly for this information via shared.services@wales.nhs.uk

Q4 a) First Contact Practitioner introduced in five practices across the Mid GP Cluster from current establishment.

b) No additional resource.

a) Additional Band 6 Community Respiratory Physiotherapist as part of the Breathe Well Programme

b) Yes additional funding for the role.

a) Introduction of MSK Consultant Physiotherapist role.

b) No additional resource.

Q5 No discontinued posts during April 2022 and March 2023.

Q6 In 2022/23, there was a slight increase in referrals from 2021/22.

- 16,627 in 2021/22
- 17,821 in 2022/23

Q7 Reduction in Annual Budget on Physiotherapy Specific Codes of £46,240 which equates to 1.53%.

Q8 Estimated % Budgetary Savings = 3.98%

Q9 Total Spend = £264,185

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
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
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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



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