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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 16 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 and Powys Response:

British Liver Trust Primary Care Pathway Survey - Survey Questions

Q1. Name and position of person answering the survey
Powys Teaching Health Board

Q2. Please enter the name of your Health Board
Powys Teaching Health Board

Q3. Do you have a named person within the Health Board who is responsible for liver disease?

- Yes
 No

If yes, please move to Q3a

If no, please move to Q3b

Q3a If yes, please provide the name, title and email address of this person

Name: **N/A**
Title: **N/A**

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Email address: **N/A**

Q3b In the absence of a named contact for liver disease, please provide the name, title and email address of the person who should be contacted regarding liver health

Name: Kate Wright

Title: Medical Director

Email address: kate.wright2@wales.nhs.uk

Q4. Do you have a commissioned pathway for a) the interpretation of abnormal liver blood tests? b) responding to liver disease more generally? Please could you attach/hyperlink any pathway documents to your response.

- Yes, pathways for both
- Yes, pathway for abnormal liver blood tests
- Yes, pathway for responding to liver disease more generally – **For primary care, an abnormal result would be referred as per their own pathway, dependent on result. Please contact Powys GP practices directly should you require further information. For secondary care, the clinician would pick this up as part of their own clinical pathway. Commissioned services are required to follow All Wales abnormal liver blood test pathway.**
- No pathways for either

If answer to any of these is yes, please move to Q5

If answer is no pathways for either, please move to Q7

Q5. Does it include an endorsed pathway for the management of abnormal liver blood tests that follows the BSG guidance?

- Yes
- No - **PTHB would expect Welsh commissioned services to follow appropriate clinical guidelines and standards.**
- Not applicable

Q6. Is liver fibrosis assessment part of your pathway?

- Yes – **PTHB expect clinicians to operate in accordance with appropriate guidance and standards.**
- No
- Not applicable

If yes, please move to Q6a

If no, please move to Q7

Q6a. Please indicate how fibrosis is assessed (Please tick all that apply):

- Fibroscan
- ELF Test

- FIB-4
- NAFLD fibrosis score
- iLFTs
- Other:

The answer to this would be dependant on the clinician and the service.

Q7. Do you have an additional pathway that proactively case-finds individuals who may be at high-risk of liver disease?

Yes - **Annual Diabetes Reviews include liver function tests, weight and BMI. Diabetes and obesity are risk factors for liver disease and cases are identified by this route.**

No

If yes, please move to Q8

If no, please move to Q10

Q8. How does your pathway define individuals as high risk of liver disease? (Please tick all that apply)

- Diabetes
- Alcohol risk
- Obesity
- Obesity with other metabolic risk factors
- Risk factors for viral hepatitis
- Other:

Q9. How are these individuals identified? (Please tick all that apply)

- At annual chronic disease or year of care review
- During the NHS Health Check
- Opportunistically during consultations
- Using IT system prompts or pop-ups
- Other:

Q10: Does your contract with Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service providers include providing a liver disease diagnostic test?

Yes - **Via a peer-to-peer testing pathway.**

No

Q11: Does your contract with Weight Management Service providers include providing a liver disease diagnostic test?

Yes

No - **It is a requirement of the Level 3 weight service to have a Liver Function test within 6 weeks of receiving the referral. This would be requested from a GP practice if required.**

This is not required for the Level 2 weight service.

Q12. Does the Health Board monitor the breadth of adoption and efficacy of liver disease pathways in primary care in your area?

Yes

No - Powys Teaching Health Board does not monitor the breadth of adoption and efficacy of pathways in primary care in Powys. Please contact Powys GP practices directly for more information.

If yes, please move to Q13

If no, please move to Q14

Q13. Where are these statistics published? **N/A.**

Q14. Are you aware of current statistics relating to liver disease in your area and do you monitor these?

Yes

No – **PTHB are not aware of the current available statistics of liver disease within Powys.**

Q15. Would you be willing to share your pathway information with other Health Boards for best practice purposes?

Yes

No

Not applicable

PTHB's primary care pathways are complex due to complexity of commissioning arrangements. We will shortly be undertaking some clinical pathway work that will link in with other Health Boards.

Q16. Would you like to meet with the British Liver Trust and/or a local clinician to find out how you can improve liver disease in your area? (optional)

Yes - **If contact details could be provided, PTHB would invite the relevant staff to get in touch.**

No

Final comments: **N/A.**

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
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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



Assistant Medical Director