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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 17 November 2023 and subsequent clarification received on 17 November 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 make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request:

1. Information on the total spend on external management consultants by health board for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23, broken down per year.
2. A list of projects/initiatives which external management consultants had been contracted to work on during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23, broken down per year.

### Clarification requested:

Please can you clarify, which service areas you would like the information for?

### Clarification received:

All service areas

### Powys Response:

Q1 I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does record expenditure on Consultancy fees, however this information is not centrally recorded in a way that enables us to capture all consultancy work as some of

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

this maybe captured in separate ledgers as well as break down the nature of each consultancy work. To provide a full response would require a manual trawl and 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.

Table 1 shows revenue expenditure on consultancy fees by financial year that has been identified. Please note that within Table 1, expenditure for Health, Care Research Wales (HCRW) is included. PTHB host HCRW and its expenditure is recorded on PTHB's ledger.

<b>Table 1 - Revenue Expenditure- Consultancy Fees:</b>		
	<b>PTHB</b>	<b>HCRW</b>
	£'000	£'000
18-19	36	
19-20	10	91
20-21	26	
21-22	35	
22-23	179	

Please see FOI 23.R.399 Attachment 1 for PTHB capital expenditure on consultancy fees by financial year. We have provided a breakdown of the type of consultancy.

Q2 As per Q1, PTHB does record revenue expenditure coded to Consultancy fees however, some consultancy expenditure work may be coded to other ledger codes. To provide a full response, would require a manual trawl and 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.

However, under Section 16 of the FOIA under the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance we can confirm the following revenue expenditure for 2022 – 2023:

<b>Table 2 2022 – 23</b>
<b>Projects/initiatives which external management consultants worked on included the following:</b>
Six Facet surveys on various healthcare buildings including 18 hospitals
Landscape, GIS and Planning

In relation to the capital expenditure detailed in FOI 23.R.399 Attachment 1, the second tab in the spreadsheet enclosed with this response gives a list of projects/initiatives which external management consultants had been contracted to work on during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23, broken down per year.

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:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales  
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Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff, CF10 2HH  
Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) [twitter.com/iconews](https://twitter.com/iconews)

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



**Pete Hopgood**  
**Deputy Chief Executive Officer and**  
**Director of Finance, IT & Information Services**