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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 26 October 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 request that you provide the following information in compliance with your duties under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

#### The purpose of the request

I seek the information detailed below in order to better understand the process by which disabled children and disabled young people living in your Board's area are able to obtain the Health Board funded continence pads and containment products that they need.

#### Statutory cost compliance limit note

If your Board considers that complying with this request in its entirety will exceed the statutory cost of compliance limit (specified in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004) then I ask that you respond to the following requests in the order they appear until that limit is reached.

#### Requested Information

Pencadlys  
Tŷ Glasbury, Ysbyty Bronllys,  
Aberhonddu, Powys LD3 0LU  
Ffôn: 01874 711661



Headquarters  
Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital  
Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU  
Tel: 01874 711661

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Addysgu Powys



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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Please provide the details specified in 1 - 3 below concerning the provision of continence pads and containment products (including nappies and 'pull ups') for disabled children and disabled young people within your Board's area.

1. The eligibility criteria that determine what type and what quantity of continence pads and containment products can be provided for disabled children and disabled young people.
2. Please provide a copy (in printed or electronic form) of the guidance that your Board requires practitioners to have regard to when authorising the provision of continence pads and containment products for disabled children and disabled young people; and
3. The work title (or post or qualifications or other designation) that identifies the practitioners who can authorise the provision of continence pads and containment products for disabled children and disabled young people.

I understand that under the Act I am entitled to a response within 20 working days of your receipt of this request.

If this request is denied in whole or in part, I ask that you justify all refusals by reference to specific exemptions specified by the Act.

#### Powys Response:

Q1 Powys Continence Service is managed by the Continence Service Manager / Nurse Specialist and supported by administration officers who manage the pad provision database.

All disabled children and disabled young people receive a continence assessment by a relevant trained professional. Eligibility for continence pads and containment products, and the type and quantity of products required, are considered as part of the assessment, in line with the "Guidance for the provision of continence containment products to children and young people".

Q2 PTHB has adopted and implemented the following document circulated by the Welsh Government via a Welsh Health Circular in October 2022:

- Guidance for the Provision of Continence Containment Products to Children and Young People, A Consensus Document, 2021.

This document is inclusive of children and young people with disabilities and details eligibility criteria and details around pad provision for NHS supply.



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Q3 Assessments and decision making around pad provision are undertaken by:

- Paediatric Continence Nurse Specialist.
- School Nurses.

- Community Children's Nurses.
- Learning Disability Nurses.
- Health Visitors.
- Out of County Paediatric Specialist Providers.

Pads can be authorised by the Continence Service Manager role and Continence Nurse Specialist role who see young people from the age of 16 and who would also provide advice if required to the paediatric team.

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  
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



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