

Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.376

27 November 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 31 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 am writing to you under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding the wound dressings used within Powys Teaching Health Board, specifically seeking details on whether these dressings contain chitosan and information about the source of these wound dressings.

I am particularly interested in the following details:

- 1) The types or brands of wound dressings currently used by Powys Teaching Health Board.
- 2) The sources of purchase for these wound dressings, including the names of suppliers or vendors.
- 3) Whether these wound dressings contain chitosan as one of their components or ingredients.
- 4) If available, any data or studies the hospital has regarding the efficacy of these chitosan-based dressings.

Powys Response:

- 1) Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) have a 2019 version of the wound care formulary, which can be found via our [InForm Formulary](#) Website under A5 Wound Management and Related Documents– the direct link to the wound care formulary is –

https://formularydocs.wales.nhs.uk/Powysteachinghb/Full%20formulary%202018_4318.19%20v5.pdf

- 2) PTHB purchase dressings using the Online Non-Prescription Ordering Service (ONPOS) system or they may be supplied via NHS Supplies through the Oracle system or prescribed.
- 3) We do not currently have any chitosan containing wound dressings on our formulary.
- 4) Not applicable, see response to q3.

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,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff, CF10 2HH
Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399
www.ico.org.uk 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



Kate Wright
Medical Director