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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 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) 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 should like to make a Freedom of information request to the Powys Teaching Health Board on the therapy treatment provided in the Health Board area to children living with Cerebral Palsy.

FOI Questions

1. How many children are living with Cerebral Palsy in Powys Teaching LHB area?

- (a) 0-3-year-olds?
- (b) 4-19 year olds?

2. How are you providing Therapy treatment to children with Cerebral Palsy and in 2022/23 for how many children? as follows:-

(a) 0-3 years

- (i) How many by your LHB Community therapists?
- (ii) How many by other Welsh LHB therapists?
- (iii) How many by external therapists from the rest of UK?
- iv) How many by external therapists in Wales?

(b) 4 - 19 years

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Powys Response:

1a) Exact numbers are unknown as Cerebral Palsy is not always diagnosed until later; therefore, some children remain undiagnosed. However, during the pilot of the Cerebral Palsy Register for Wales that took place in Powys in 2020-21, 53 children with Cerebral Palsy were included, and 8 of these children were in the 0-3 age bracket at that time. There are currently 3 children in this age bracket, but the register has not been fully updated as a new platform is to be adopted in 2024.

1b) There are currently 55 children and young people on the pilot register, but this includes some young adults who are now over 18, with 45 children currently in the 4-18 years age bracket. It has not been kept updated as the platform will change in 2024 to one that is accessible to all Welsh Health boards, allowing for development into a national register.

2) Therapy treatment can begin as soon as the baby, child or young person is referred. We have good networks of communication from as early as Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU).

Staff are trained in early intervention and EISMART (Early Intervention Framework: Sensory, Motor, Attention, Relationship, Together) regardless of diagnosis therapy, and if assessed as needed, therapy will begin straight away. This can include positioning and handling advice for equipment such as standers, walkers, sleep systems, feeding advice, communication strategies, and seating systems. There is an integrated Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) model of support as needed, as well as other modalities such as serial casting, Rebound Therapy and Aqua Therapy, which are utilised as required. There is an emphasis on providing individual-centred support by the relevant MDT, inclusive of family and education as locally as possible. Fourteen transition plans are supported to plan ahead for adult service requirements.

2ai) All known babies and children with Cerebral Palsy will be offered therapy treatment by PTHB on a needs basis after assessment.

2aii) It is not known whether any 0–3-year-old children living in Powys are treated by other NHS Wales therapists.

2aiii) It is not known how many 0–3-year-old children living in Powys are seen by external therapists from the rest of UK; however, while the patient's parents have the right to choose to see external therapists, on assessment, therapists will ask if other therapists are involved.

2aiv) Therapists in PTHB are supported by Cerebral Palsy (CP) Cymru, as part of a consortium to offer enhanced specialist therapy as locally as possible as part of their neighbourhood of support delivered with family and school members closest to them, and together with their local therapist.

2bi) All known 4–19-year-old children and young people with Cerebral Palsy will be offered therapy treatment by PTHB on a needs basis after assessment.

2bii) It is not known if any 4–19-year-old children and young people living in Powys are treated by other NHS Wales therapists.

2biii) It is not known how many 4–19-year-old children and young people living in Powys are seen by external therapists from the rest of UK; however, while the patient's parents have the right to choose to see external therapists, on assessment, therapists will ask if other therapists are involved.

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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:

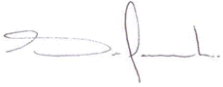
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

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Yours sincerely



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On behalf of

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