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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 1 September 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'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:

1. The number of FTE funded midwife posts there are for each maternity service at your board?
2. The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your board which were vacant as of the start of August 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)?
3. The number of FTE funded midwife posts for each maternity service at your board which were vacant as of 1st May 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer)?
4. The date of the most recent Birthrate Plus study of midwifery staffing for each service within your board?
5. The number of FTE funded midwife posts that Birthrate Plus recommended your trust employ for each maternity service at your board?
6. For each of the last five years, how many red flag events have been recorded for each of the board's maternity services?

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh
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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Powys Response:

Q1 Powys maternity service is currently funded for 36.55 WTE midwives which includes clinical and non-clinical/specialist posts.

Q2 The number of FTE funded midwife posts which were vacant as of the start of August 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long-term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer) is 2.54 WTE.

Q3 The number of FTE funded midwife posts which were vacant as of 1st May 2023 (excluding those on maternity or long-term sick leave where sick leave has lasted for one month or longer) is 1.45 WTE.

Q4 Powys Maternity Service had a Birthrate Plus Review in 2022 with a report finalised in August 2022.

Q5 Birthrate Plus recommended 35.98 WTE midwives which includes clinical and non-clinical / specialist posts.

Q6 I can confirm that PTHB does not collect this data in an easily accessible format due to changes of IT systems. In order to answer your question this would require a manual trawl of records for the period requested. 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.

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

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Yours sincerely



Joy Garfitt

Director of Operations/ Director of Community & Mental Health