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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 18 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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of Crohn's & Colitis UK to request the following information:

1. What is the average waiting time in weeks, by month from end August 2022 – end August 2023 or the most recent month available and the preceding 12 months, for a) red flag, b) urgent and c) non-urgent diagnostic colonoscopy referrals?
2. What is the average waiting time in weeks, by month from end August 2022 – end August 2023 or the most recent month available and the preceding 12 months, for a) red flag, b) urgent and c) non-urgent diagnostic flexible sigmoidoscopy referrals?

### Powys Response:

Please note that N/A refers to the fact that none of these procedures were performed during the requested period. Therefore, as no procedures were performed, we are unable to calculate an average wait.

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1. Please see the table below for the average wait (weeks) for diagnostic colonoscopy.

<b>Average wait (weeks) for diagnostic colonoscopy</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>USC/Suspected Cancer</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>Routine</b>
2022-09	N/A	2	7
2022-10	N/A	3	8
2022-11	N/A	4	6
2022-12	N/A	3	5
2023-01	N/A	3	7
2023-02	N/A	5	12
2023-03	N/A	5	9
2023-04	N/A	4	14
2023-05	3	3	3
2023-06	N/A	4	4
2023-07	N/A	5	N/A
2023-08	N/A	2	4

2. Please see the table below for the average wait (weeks) for diagnostic sigmoidoscopy.

<b>Average wait (weeks) for diagnostic sigmoidoscopy</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>USC/Suspected Cancer</b>	<b>Urgent</b>	<b>Routine</b>
2022-09	N/A	5	6
2022-10	N/A	4	6
2022-11	N/A	3	6
2022-12	N/A	2	3
2023-01	N/A	5	3
2023-02	N/A	9	N/A
2023-03	N/A	7	N/A
2023-04	N/A	5	11
2023-05	N/A	3	10
2023-06	N/A	3	N/A
2023-07	N/A	1	N/A
2023-08	N/A	3	N/A

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

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Yours sincerely



**Joy Garfitt**

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