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Sent via email to: [REDACTED] m

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 not 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. To what extent are the British Society of Gastroenterology Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer surveillance endoscopy recommendations been implemented in this Trust? If they are being partially implemented, please outline which areas are currently being met.
2. What percentage of Inflammatory Bowel Disease patients are currently overdue their surveillance endoscopy based on the timelines set out in the British Society of Gastroenterology consensus guidelines on the management of inflammatory bowel disease in adults (2019)? Please provide this information broken down by high risk, intermediate risk and lower risk as out in this same guidance
3. What plans are in place to manage the Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer colonoscopy surveillance backlog in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

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Powys Teaching Health Board is the operational name of  
Powys Teaching Local Health Board

The full guidelines referred to in these questions can be found in Box 11 on page 72 at:

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If it is not possible to provide this information due to exceeding the cost of compliance limits, I would be grateful if you could advise how this request could be refined.

Powys Response:

I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have an Inflammatory Bowel service. Any Powys patients with low level Inflammatory Bowel Disease would be treated either by their GP or a gastroenterologist. Those patients requiring surgical treatment for Inflammatory Bowel Disease colorectal cancer surveillance endoscopies or any complex/secondary care treatment relating to this pathway would be treated by our commissioned services via multiple external providers based on the geography of the patient.

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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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JL Garfitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Joy Garfitt**

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