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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 28 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:

Please can you provide me with copies of any guidelines or protocols that were in place in September 2021 as regards:

- The management of suspected fractures; or
- The management of suspected spinal injuries; or
- The criteria for ordering imaging for suspected fractures or spinal injuries.

Powys Response:

Please see FOI 23.R.334 Attachment 1 Minor Injury Unit (MIU) guidelines which were in place in September 2021. This policy was reviewed in August 2023.

Included in this document is the management of fractures. All suspected fractures are discussed with Orthopaedics on call or referred to a fracture clinic within a District General Hospital (DGH) for review.

All suspected spinal injuries are transferred out to a DGH via 999 for senior review. MIU staff are unable to authorise imaging for spinal x-rays. All patients requiring spinal X-rays will be referred out to a District General A&E department.

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Please see the attachments below for further information relating to Radiology. All MIU staff that are trained in imaging have a sign off procedure with the radiography team.

Please note the following attachments are from external organisations.

- Attachment 1 MSK Referrals. (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board)
- Attachment 11 Irmer benefits and risks. (Society & Collage of Radiographers)
- Attachment 16 Standards for reporting critical untoward urgent or unexpected radiological findings. (Welsh Scientific Advisory Committee)
- Attachment 2 Lumbar Spine. (Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board)

Please note the following attachments are from Powys Teaching Health Board.

- Attachment 3 RAD REP 004 Reporting significant abnormalities flow chart.
- Attachment 4 Radiology Request Form WP.
- Attachment 5 Radiology Request Form.
- Attachment 6 Radiology Request Form YCH.
- Attachment 7 Standard Radiography Operational Procedures 2021.
- Attachment 8 Request Form IR ME Nov 2020.
- Attachment 9 Areas and Scope of Practice for NMR MIU 2020.
- Attachment 10 RAD REP 009 SOP Pathway for Radiographer Reporting in Conventional Imaging.
- Attachment 12 IR ME R Regulations 2017 Procedure for Non-Medical Imaging Exposures.
- Attachment 13 RAD 003 Non-Medical Referral for Radiology Imaging Procedures.
- Attachment 14 Scan 0094.
- Attachment 15 RAD 004 Standard Operational Procedures in Radiography.

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
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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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Cardiff, CF10 2HH

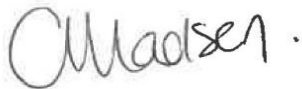
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CMadsen".

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