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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 12 April 2014, 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 my response follows.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am requesting the following information:

1. The longest wait a child has had to wait for a diagnosis for autism in the last five years.
2. The longest wait an adult has had to wait for a diagnosis for autism in the last five years.
3. The longest length of time a person currently waiting for diagnosis has had to wait.
4. The number of complaints the health board has received over the wait times for diagnosing additional learning needs.

### Powys Response:

Q1. The longest wait for a diagnosis of a Neurodevelopment disorder since recording began 18 months ago was 222 weeks.

Please note: Our response was calculated as the time from the most recent referral on the pathway to the appointment date where a diagnosis of autism was given. It should be noted that the service user's failure to reply to contact to complete the assessment contributes to the waiting time.

The next longest wait for a diagnosis is 210 weeks and the median average waiting time for diagnosis is 57 weeks.

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Q2. The longest wait for diagnosis in an adult was 21 months.

Q3. Please see response to Q1 for diagnosis in children which was 222 weeks and the longest wait to be diagnosis for an adult is 19 months.

Q4. I can confirm over the past five years, the Health Board has received a total of 19 complaints regarding the waiting times for diagnosing additional learning needs. I can confirm this figure includes neurodevelopmental assessments.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via [powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk)

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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