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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 22 April 2024, 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 each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your Ophthalmology services at the hospital trusts.

WET-AMD INJECTIONS:

1. What is the maximum number of wet-AMD injections you can facilitate in a week?

The maximum number of wet-AMD injections Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) can facilitate each week is 29.

2a. Do you run out-of-hours lists to keep up with demand for wet-AMD injections?

Yes, PTHB runs evening clinics and Saturday clinics.

2b. If you are running additional lists, how are these lists being accommodated?

The additional lists are accommodated within the current staffing structure.

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2c. If you are running additional lists, are you utilising any alternative clinical space?

No, PTHB is not utilising any alternative clinical space.

3a. What is the current waiting time for patients to secure an appointment for Wet-AMD injections?

PTHB patients are seen by Wye Valley NHS Trust for their initial appointment. These patients are then transferred to PTHB for any follow up appointments. Information regarding initial waiting times would be held by Wye Valley NHS Trust, and I recommend you contact the Trust directly for this information via the following contact details:

NHS Provider (England)	Contact Details
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.information@WVT.nhs.uk

3b. What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?

Not applicable.

4a. How many patients are currently waiting for an appointment at a wet-AMD clinic?

Not applicable.

4b. What was the wait time at the same point in time in 2023?

Not applicable.

5a. Do you have a contingency plan to increase capacity should this be required?

Weekly reviews of waiting list demand and capacity are undertaken, and if additional sessions are required, these are arranged.

5b. If so, what is your contingency plan for wet-AMD injections?

This is run as a one stop shop.

GENERAL CAPACITY:

6. Are you outsourcing any ophthalmology clinical work to external parties or utilising insourcing partners? If so, what?

PTHB does not outsource or insource any ophthalmology clinical work.

7. What condition takes up the majority of your clinical slots?

Wet-AMD takes up most of the clinical slots.

8. Would you consider a mobile unit as an option to expand services and capacity?

Not required.

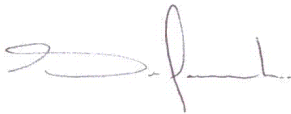
9. What is the name and contact details of the Ophthalmology Service Lead?

The Consultant Ophthalmologist is a visiting consultant based in Wye Valley NHS Trust. I therefore recommend you contact the Trust directly for this information.

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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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