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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 23 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

This is a freedom of information request. Please could you provide the following information.

1. The most recent materials/guidelines for midwives, obstetricians [and GPs if you hold it] about domestic abuse and pregnancy which staff are meant to follow when identifying and supporting a pregnant woman in their care who is a potential victim of domestic abuse.
2. What training you give for using the DASH risk assessment (or equivalent risk assessment).
3. What training your staff receive on coercive control and behaviour.
4. If you have them, guidelines offered on what to look for in a pregnant person's partner as to whether they might be a domestic abuse perpetrator.

Powys Response:

Q1. Please see FOI 24.R.170 Attachment 1 (Maternity Routine Enquiry Standard Operating Procedure) for information on Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) guidelines for staff to follow when identifying and supporting a pregnant woman in their care who is a potential victim of domestic abuse.

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PTHB also follows the Welsh Government's Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence: strategy 2022 to 2026. Please see the link below for this policy:

[Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence: strategy 2022 to 2026 \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

Q2. PTHB staff undertake Ask and Act training, which is mandatory every 2 years. Midwives receive additional training as part of their professional development programme. Midwives have also received specific training for Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment and Honour Based Violence Assessment (DASH assessments). During Midwives' induction with the Safeguarding Lead Midwife, the safer lives risk assessment is discussed which includes how to complete the assessment, risk assess and refer onto Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences.

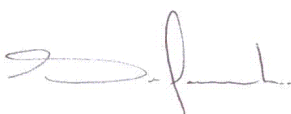
Q3. PTHB staff receive Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence training, which is accessed via PTHB's Electronic Staff Record (ESR) eLearning; and, training in respect of coercive control is included in Ask and Act training.

Q4. The Safeguarding training and competency passport is mandatory every 3 years, which means all Midwives and Health Visitors must complete all the mandatory E-Learning packages and attend Ask and Act and Level 3 safeguarding training. The region is going to be introducing Multi-Agency Task and Coordination (MATAC), which is police led and will identify serial perpetrators of domestic abuse. The overarching objective is to develop a multi-agency process that will potentially reduce the risk of harm, to ensure the safety of those who are at risk or suffer abuse and that will respond to perpetrators in a way that minimises such risks while ensuring choice, dignity, and rights of all are preserved. Midwives and Health Visitors receive information about domestic violence incidents which supports ongoing assessments and planning. Midwives and Health Visitors can support clients to access the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme when appropriate.

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S. J. L.', is written below the text.

David Farnsworth

Interim Executive Director of Operations / Director of Community and Mental Health

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.