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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 25 April 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds 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 would like to request the following information from your trust:

1. How much did the trust spend on virtual ward provision, i.e. purchase of contract/supplier, purchase of hardware, purchase of software, etc., during the period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024?
2. Who was your virtual ward provider during the period of 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024?
3. How much did the trust spend on virtual ward provision, i.e. purchase of contract/supplier, purchase of hardware, purchase of software, etc., during the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023
4. Who was your virtual ward provider during the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
5. How much did the trust spend on virtual ward provision, i.e. purchase of contract/supplier, purchase of hardware, purchase of software, etc., during the period of 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
6. Who was your virtual ward provider during the period of 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022?

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Powys Response:

1-6. I can confirm PTHB commission the Virtual Wards with our GP Practices, providing the Virtual Ward on behalf of their patients. The cost to the Health Board is based on an annual payment of £7 per resident. There are other resources funded by the Health Board as our staff support the multi-disciplinary team delivering the virtual ward service which would include the following staff groups.

- Ward Clerks
- Specialist Nurses
- Re-ablement
- Physiotherapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Community Support Workers
- Pharmacist
- Community Nurses
- District Nurses

However, these costs would be difficult to quantify, as each GP Practice will have set up a different virtual ward model, and certain staff groups such as specialist nurses will attend based on the needs of the patients.

Non-Pay costs such as ICT equipment will be paid for the individual GP Practice through the service level agreement set up between the Health Board and Practice. We therefore would not hold this expenditure information, and this would need to be requested from the individual Practices.

Please see the list below for details of Virtual Wards provided by GP Practices:

Virtual Ward Provider - GP Practice
Bro Ddyfi / Dyfi Valley Health
Caereinion Medical Practice
Haygath Medical Centre
Llandrindod Wells Medical Centre
Llanfyllin Group Practice
Builth Wells Medical Practice
Montgomery Medical Practice
Newtown Medical Practice
Ystradgynlais Surgery
Presteigne Medical Practice
Rhayader Group Practice
Arwystli Medical Practice
Ty Henry Vaughan
Crickhowell War Memorial Health Centre
Welshpool Medical Centre
Wylcwm Street Surgery

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



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Director of Finance, IT & Information Services

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.