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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 August 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not 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'd be grateful if you could please confirm the following information regarding the Health Boards Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS), the Health Boards adoption of a Digital Pathology solution as well as some high-level departmental statistics across the Health Board:

Please Note: Definitions of each solution type are provided at the bottom of this request.

#### 1. LIMS - Information Request

- a) Current LIMS Supplier Name?
- b) Current LIMS System Name?
- c) Current LIMS Contract Commencement Date?
- d) Current LIMS Contract Expiration Date?
- e) Does the current LIMS allow for bidirectional information sharing?
- f) Does the current LIMS allow for image import?

#### 2. Current Digital Pathology Solution

- a) Current Scanner Supplier Name?
- b) Current Viewer System Name and Provider?
- c) Contract Commencement Date?
- d) Contract Expiration Date?

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e) If no Digital Pathology Solution is installed, can you please confirm the following: Does the Health Board have plans to adopt a Digital Pathology solution in the next 2 years?

### 3. Health Boards Departmental Statistics

a. Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Departments across the Health Board?

b. Can you please confirm the number of Pathology slides processed per annum?

c. Can you please confirm the number of Pathology Consultants in full-time or contract employment across the Health Board?

### System Definitions

Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) - A LIMS is a software system designed to support the operations of a laboratory. It helps manage and track samples, associated data, and laboratory workflows. LIMS is crucial in many types of labs, including research, clinical, pharmaceutical, environmental, and manufacturing labs.

Digital Pathology Solution - A Digital Pathology Solution is a technology platform that facilitates the digitisation, management, analysis, and sharing of pathology data. This system primarily involves converting traditional glass slide samples into high-resolution digital images, which can then be analysed using specialised software. Digital Pathology is increasingly used in clinical diagnosis, research, and education due to its numerous advantages over traditional methods.

### Powys Response:

Q1 & Q2. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not manage a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) or Digital Pathology application within PTHB. We are reliant on numerous bordering organisations to provide this functionality to our population.

Q3a-c. Not applicable.

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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



**Vicki Cooper**  
**Chief Digital Information Officer**

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