

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.136.24

6 January 2025

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 9 December 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:

Question 1: Does Powys Teaching Health Board have any guidelines/policies for the treatment and management of patients who have peripheral arterial disease (PAD) or have experienced a myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke? Yes/No. If Yes, please provide a copy.

Question 2: Does Powys Teaching Health Board have any guidelines or policies for testing Lipoprotein (a) (LP(a)) level in patients who have experienced peripheral arterial disease (PAD) or have experienced a myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke? Yes/No. If Yes, please provide a copy.

Question 3: Does Powys Teaching Health Board have any guidelines or policies for testing Lipoprotein (a) (LP(a)) level in patients who require cardiac rehabilitation? Yes/No. If Yes, please provide a copy.

### Powys Response:

Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have district general hospital services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services in District General Hospitals (DGH) provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England.

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have any guidelines/policies for the treatment and management of patients who have peripheral arterial disease (PAD) or have experienced a myocardial infarction

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(MI) or stroke. PAD comes under the vascular surgeons, clinicians in Powys use NICE guidance rather than Health Board specific pathways for these common conditions.

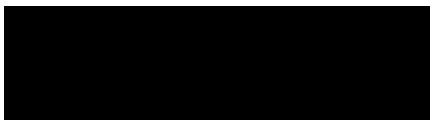
Q2. I can confirm PTHB does not have any guidelines or policies for testing Lipoprotein (a) (LP(a)) level in patients who have experienced PAD or have experienced a MI or stroke.

Q3. I can confirm PTHB does not have any policies or procedures for testing Lipoprotein (a) (LP(a)) level in patients who require cardiac rehabilitation.

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