

Our ref: IG/FOI/24.R.071

20 February 2024

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 1 February 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am a medical student currently working on a project on the theme of Emergency Robotic Surgery in General Surgery.

If possible, I would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information email for the period of 2019-2022:

If you do not have a surgical robot please reply to this email with 'I do not have a robot' and there will be no need to reply to the rest of the email.

1. The total numbers of Emergency general surgery operations performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic
2. Type of robot available in your trust and used in emergency general surgery cases (Examples include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand, Soloassist, Microhand S, AESOP, Zeus).
3. Number of robotic general surgery cases performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. (this includes both emergency and non-emergency operations)
4. Number the following performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic.
 1. hot cholecystectomies
 2. laparotomies
 3. appendectomies

4. hernia repairs
5. abscess
6. scrotal explorations (which may be under torsions or orchidopexy)

Regarding the abscess questions we are interested in all incision and drainages of abscesses in perianal, truncal, buttock and limb areas.

6. Mean length of stay of patients who have undergone the following performed between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic.
 1. hot cholecystectomies
 2. laparotomies (how many times open abdomens are done)
 3. appendectomies
 4. hernia repairs
 5. abscess
 6. scrotal explorations (which may be under torsions or orchidopexy)
7. The number and type of complications that occurred in robotic emergency general surgery cases between January 1st 2019-January 1st 2023. Including but not limited to conversions to another type of surgery, device-related complications, injury to surrounding structures or tissue, serums, infection, leakage, hernias.
8. Number of staff trained to assist with robotic cases.
9. The average (Over 4 weeks) number of staff trained to assist n robotic surgery available out of hours (weekends/nights).

To elaborate emergency general surgery would include robotic assisted operations in any of: Acute surgical diseases of the abdomen, mesenteric ischaemia, appendectomies, cholecystectomies, hernias, bowel obstruction, adhesiolysis, diverticular disease, diverticulitis, incarceration, perforation, peritonitis, and acute conditions of the gastrointestinal tract.

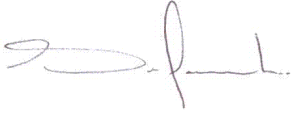
Powys Response:

Q1-9 I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not perform open or robotic surgery. Therefore, this is a nil response.

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



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