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Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs,

### **Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information, which was received on 16 February 2024, and subsequent clarification received on 20 March 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:

Please may you provide us with answers to the following questions:

1. Do you provide ADHD assessments? Please specify if this is for children, adults, or both.
2. How many people are currently on your waiting list for ADHD assessments? Please break this down between children and adults.
3. How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023? If possible, please break this down between children and adults.
4. How many ADHD referrals did you receive each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? Please break this down between children and adults.
5. How many ADHD referrals did you accept each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? Please break this down between children and adults.

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6. What is the (mean) average time patients wait between referral and an assessment for ADHD for each calendar year between 2018 and 2023? If possible, please break this down between children and adults.

Clarification Requested:

Q3 How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023? If possible, please break this down between children and adults.

Please can you clarify if you mean the number of assessments in progress or completed.

Clarification Received:

Completed please.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does provide Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) assessments for both children and adults.

Q2. I can confirm there are currently 365 adults on the waiting list for ADHD assessments, and there are 775 children and young people on the waiting list for Neurodevelopment (ND) assessments. Please note, we receive referrals for ND assessments for children and young people, rather than specifically for ADHD.

Q3. PTHB’s Adult ADHD service was established in May 2023. Since then, PTHB has undertaken 322 adult ADHD assessments, and 328 adult medication review appointments.

Please see the table below for the number of completed assessments for children and young people. Please note, because the use of Outcome Reasons only came into use in 2023, there will be pathways included as assessments where the patient was discharged without a completed assessment. From the data where outcome reasons are used (from 01/01/2023 to present), approximately 5% of the discharges are not recorded as a completed assessment.

	Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Children and Young People Completed Assessments	40	95	68	199	312	301

Q4. Since May 2023, I can confirm that PTHB has received a total of 584 referrals for an adult ADHD assessment.

Please see the table below for the number of referrals for children and young people ND assessments.

	Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Number of Referrals	312	282	222	286	607	766
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Q5. Since May 2023, PTHB has accepted a total of 579 adult referrals for ADHD assessments.

Please see the table below for the number of ND referrals accepted for children and young people.

	Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of accepted ADHD referrals	180	183	157	228	574	750

Q6. The mean average wait time between referral and an assessment for adults with ADHD is 12 months.

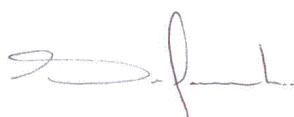
Please see the table below for the mean average wait time in days between a ND referral and an assessment for children and young people.

	Year					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Average wait time to first appointment	166	172	259	352	238	256

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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



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