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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 19 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 hold the information that you require.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

1. Please can you let me know what is the process of receiving a diagnosis of ME/CFS if a patient is presenting with symptoms, and what further treatment and/or medication is available post-diagnosis?
2. Also, what is the process of receiving a diagnosis of Long Covid if a patient is presenting with symptoms, and what further treatment and/or medication is available post-diagnosis?

Powys Response:

Q1& Q2 Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) can confirm that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommends that both diagnoses are made in primary care e.g. GP's. Referrals elsewhere for diagnosis should only be made where there is some complexity regarding potential alternative diagnoses.

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

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh
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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CMadsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Claire Madsen
Director of Therapies & Health Sciences

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