

Our ref: IG/FOI/24.R.038

9 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 24 January 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 our response follows each question individually.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification, please contact me by email.

I would like the following information to be emailed to me in electronic form:

1. Does the Trust currently use an Operating Microscope for the purposes of Ophthalmic Surgery? [YES / NO]

**Yes, I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does use an Operating Microscope for the purpose of Ophthalmic Surgery.**

2. How many pieces of microscopy equipment does the operating department use for Ophthalmic Surgery, and what is the manufacturer, model and age? [Please list these, including Manufacturer, Model, and Age of Equipment]

**PTHB has two microscopes. The manufacturer of both is Lieca, and the model is F40. Both microscopes are fourteen years old.**

3. Are these microscopes free-standing or ceiling-mounted? [Floor-standing / Ceiling-Mounted]

**These microscopes are floor-standing.**

4. Is this equipment owned, leased or rented by the department? [Owned / Leased / Rented]

**The equipment is owned.**

5. If the equipment is Leased or Rented, how long is this contract, and when does it come to an end? Is there an option to extend the contract? Is this contract linked to the purchase of any related consumables, e.g. IOLs? [Length], [Date], [YES / NO], [RELATED CONSUMABLE?]

**Not applicable.**

6. Does the Trust / department plan to replace these after a fixed time period, and if so, what is this time period in years? [YES / NO], [Years]

**No, PTHB does not replace this equipment after a fixed period.**

7. Does the Trust / Department currently have a service contract in place for this equipment with either the equipment manufacturer or another maintenance provider? [MANUFACTURER / 3<sup>rd</sup> PARTY / NO]

**Yes, PTHB has a service contract in place with the equipment manufacturer.**

8. Is the Trust currently in the buying cycle for new ophthalmic microscopy equipment? [YES / NO]

**Yes.**

9. If Yes, when is this procurement exercise expected to take place? [Expected Date]

**The procurement exercise is expected to take place in March 2024.**

10. If No, does the Trust plan to start the buying cycle within the next 3 years? [YES / NO]

**Not applicable.**

11. What is the Trust's route to market for new pieces of ophthalmic microscopy equipment? [Direct Purchase Agreement / NHSSC / Other]  
**PTHB's route to market for new pieces of ophthalmic microscopy equipment is via NHSSC.**

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive  
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters  
Glasbury House  
Bronllys Hospital

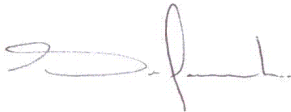
Bronllys  
Brecon  
Powys LD3 0LY

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff, CF10 2HH  
Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399  
[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) [twitter.com/iconews](https://twitter.com/iconews)

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.

Yours sincerely



**David Farnsworth**  
**Interim Executive Director of Operations / Director of Community and Mental Health**