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19 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 26 January 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.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to request information regarding your use of Physician Associates.

- 1) How many Physician Associates are currently employed by your organisation?
- 2) Please provide copies of any policies regarding physician associates in your organisation. For example, policies regarding the scope of practice, clinical procedures, governance, supervision, and appraisal processes for physician associates.
- 3) Please provide details of any patient safety incidents (reported via Datix or other internal patient safety reporting systems) where the clinician involved was a Physician Associate. Where possible, please include a breakdown of these incidents by year, severity, and categorisation (e.g., department, nature of the incident, patient harm, outcome, organisational response etc).

### Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm there is one Physician Associate (PA) currently employed by Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB).

Q2. Any newly qualified PA working within Powys is required to evidence their trajectory of learning over the first 12 months through regular meetings with their clinical supervisor and the PA Development Manager. PAs have named

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clinical supervisors within their practice with whom scope of practice is reviewed and discussed at annual appraisal. Also, a Memorandum of Understanding is in place for commissioning during the first year that outlines what's expected of the practice including adequate supervision and evidence of this supervision.

Q3. Our incident management reporting system does not record this type of data by job role.

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  
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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  
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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



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