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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 29 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:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, we would like to request the answers to the below questions, in relation to your endoscopy services at the hospitals.

- 1) How many patients do you have on the endoscopy waiting list?
- 2) What is the name of the endoscopy lead who oversees the endoscopy decisions?
- 3) How many scopes are you processing per week?
- 4) Are you planning any refurbishments, decants or expansions to the endoscopy department to expand or improve the services this year?
- 5) What are the typical issues you are experiencing within endoscopy services?
- 6) Have you ever used or considered using a mobile endoscopy unit and if so which one?
- 7) If you were to look at a mobile endoscopy unit, would you require staffing?
- 8) Do you currently use insourcing for your endoscopy lists and if so, who do you use?
- 9) Do you have a contingency plan if you experience a disaster situation, or the endoscopy unit is unusable?

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has a total of 176 patients on the endoscopy waiting list.

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Q2. The Interim Assistant Medical Director of Planned Care oversees the endoscopy decisions.

Q3. I can confirm PTHB processes approximately 30-40 scopes per week.

Q4. I can confirm a service improvement plan is in place.

Q5. Typical issues that may be experienced within the endoscopy service would be pre-procedure compliance, and cancellations of lists due to equipment malfunction.

Q6. PTHB has not used or considered using a mobile endoscopy unit.

Q7. Yes, we would require staffing.

Q8. Yes, the health board uses Medinet.

Q9. Yes, I can confirm PTHB does have a contingency plan that covers a disaster situation or if the endoscopy unit was ever unusable.

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:

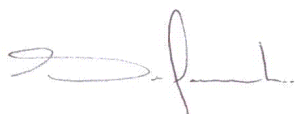
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

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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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Farnsworth', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Farnsworth

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