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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 and acknowledged on 29 July 2024. The Health Board has handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the FOIA).

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

### Your Request:

On 29 July 2024, Powys Teaching Health Board published a consultation on your website, introducing temporary changes to local community hospitals. <https://pthb.nhs.wales/news/health-board-news/temporary/>

Please can you furnish me with your Equality Impact Assessment(s) for this proposal. Please treat this as a freedom of information request.

### Health Board Response:

The Health Board intends in publishing the information you have requested and is therefore applying Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act – Information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified class-based exemption and consideration must be given as to whether there is a public interest in providing the information prior to the anticipated publication.

Information is exempt if, at the time when the public authority receives a request for the information:

- The public authority holds the requested information
- The public authority intends the information to be published at some future date, whether that date is determined or not; and
- In all the circumstances it is reasonable to withhold the information under its planned publication

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh  
Powys Teaching Health Board is the operational name of  
Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Considerations favouring Public Interest Test:

Powys Teaching Health Board is committed to recognise there is a strong public interest to demonstrate openness, transparency and accountability regarding its future plans into how services are provided and delivered to the Public.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure:

Powys Teaching Health Board is committed to publishing information, however we do not consider that it is in the public interest to place information into the public domain, prematurely, before pre-publication procedures have taken place.

We have therefore, reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 22 of the FOIA at this time, however this data will be available publicly soon and can be accessed within the board meeting papers due to take place on the 10 October 2024, via the following link: [Board Meetings - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

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](mailto:powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk)

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

**Adrian Osborne  
Deputy Director (Engagement, Communication and Corporate Governance) on behalf of the Director of Corporate Governance.**

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.