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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 7 March 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my 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 renal services at the hospitals.

- 1) How many patients are on dialysis at the hospital and are these seen two or three times per week?
- 2) What is your current capacity level and what is your maximum capacity level of renal dialysis?
- 3) What is your current number of dialysis machines and what brand are they? Also, who is the RO plant manufacturer?
- 4) What is the average cost per patient for renal dialysis within a hospital environment?
- 5) How old is your RO system and dialysis machines, and are they due for replacement, decant or upgrade any time soon?
- 6) What is your contingency plan for when you run out of internal dialysis capacity, or your machines/RO go down?
- 7) Where does the primary source of funding for the renal department stem from? Is it directly from the health board or elsewhere?
- 8) Have you ever considered using a mobile renal dialysis unit to support your services through disaster recovery, decant, replacement or refurbishment?

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Powys Response:

Q1-8) Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has dialysis units in two of its Community Hospitals: Llandrindod Wells Memorial Hospital, and Victoria Memorial Hospital in Welshpool. However, dialysis services at these hospitals are not provided directly by PTHB, but by partner organisations. The following link provides further information on dialysis units in Wales, including the providers, and I recommend you contact these providers directly with your request.

[Dialysis Units in Wales - Welsh Kidney Network \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/welsh-kidney-network/)

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



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**On behalf of:**

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

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay