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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 22 March 2024 and subsequent clarification received on 2 April 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 my response follows:

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

Under the FOIA, please could you provide:

1. A list of the independent sector healthcare providers being used by the trust for elective care, what they are being used for and in what specialty, and how much the health board has spent on these in the past year.
2. A list of the independent sector healthcare providers being used by the trust for diagnostics, what they are being used for and in what specialty, and how much the health board has spent on these in the past year.
3. What efficiency targets have been set by your health board this year (24/25)? Please provide your cost improvement/ efficiency plans for 24/25. How specifically is the health board aiming to make these efficiencies? And which specialties will be the most affected?
4. What was the efficiency target set in 23-24, and did the health board meet this? If not, why not?

If there are any issues providing these by the statutory deadline of April 22, please let me know.

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### Clarification Requested:

Regarding questions 3 and 4, please can you confirm if the saving targets are in relation to Diagnostics and Elective Care only (as per Questions 1 and 2), OR for the whole Health Board.

### Clarification Received:

To clarify, I am looking for savings targets for the whole health board – but would be helpful if you could differentiate which savings are for electives, or diagnostics, or primary care and so on.

### Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has used only Medinet for elective care in the past year. The spend in the past year was £184k.

Q2. I can confirm that PTHB has not used any independent sector diagnostics for 2023/24.

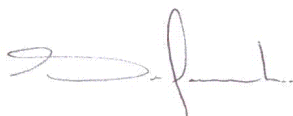
Q3. I can confirm the headline efficiency target set by PTHB for 2024/25 is 2%, which equates to £7.9m. This is in line with Welsh Government's expectation for the NHS in Wales. PTHB cost improvement / efficiency plans for 2024/25 are set out in the Annual Plan, which was approved at the public Board meeting in March and is available on PTHB's website.

Q4. PTHB had a £7.5m savings target for 2023/24. The detail and progress against target are reported monthly in public to the Board and its sub-committee, the Delivery and Performance Committee. Agendas and reports for these meetings are available on PTHB's website.

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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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