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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 1 May 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:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the use of Physician Associates (PAs) for covering shifts within your hospital/Health board. Specifically, I would like to know:

Over the last 6 months, how many doctor\* shifts, categorised by department/speciality, have been covered by Physician associates? Please include all types of shifts (day, weekend, night).

\*Doctor shifts would include shifts covered by Foundation Doctors (FY1/FY2), locally employed doctors, SAS (Specialist, Associate Specialist, Speciality Doctor), core/specialist trainee doctors and registrars. They may be referred to as 'F1 shifts', 'SHO Shifts' or 'Registrar shifts', but I would advise liaising with your medical staffing team to clarify exact terminology used by your organisation.

### Powys Response:

I can confirm no doctor shifts have been covered by Physician Associates within Powys Teaching Health Board over the last 6 months.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board

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Powys Teaching Local 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



**Debra Wood-Lawson**  
**Executive Director of People and Culture**

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.