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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 2 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:

We are seeking comprehensive information regarding the ophthalmic product landscape within NHS hospitals. Specifically, we kindly request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (excel table attached for ease of completion):

Product Information:

1. Detailed specifications of the intraocular lenses (IOLs), phacoemulsification systems, and procedure packs currently used within your hospital.
2. Any relevant documentation or brochures outlining the features, benefits, and specifications of these products.

Volume:

3. The volume of IOLs, phacoemulsification systems, and procedure packs procured by your hospital within the past year.
4. Any trends or projections related to the usage of these products.

Pricing:

5. The pricing structure for the products, including any discounts, rebates, or negotiated pricing arrangements.
6. Details of any contracts or agreements with suppliers, including contract durations and renewal terms.

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Contract Details:

7. Any additional information including terms and conditions, performance metrics, and service level agreements.

Other Relevant Information:

8. Any additional information or insights related to the procurement, utilisation, and management of ophthalmic products and services within your hospital.

9. Any challenges or areas for improvement identified in the current procurement process.

Powys Response:

Q1,3-4 & Q6-Q9. Please see FOI 24.R.194 Attachment 1 for Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) response to your above request.

Q2 We are not able to supply any brochures, I recommend you contact the suppliers directly.

Q5 We are withholding the financial amount per provider as this is considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information because it was felt that, in doing so, it could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the suppliers in question.

As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this information.

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

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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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.