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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 15 May 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require.

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

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting information on your Health Board’s use and procurement of Spirometry Medical Devices, associated software and maintenance. Specifically, could you please provide answers to the following questions: -

1 Does the Health Board use Spirometry Medical Devices?

- Yes
- No

1(i) If "No" then go to question 10.

1(ii) If "Yes" then which makes and models are currently in use and how many of each are currently deployed by department (e.g. Cardiology, Respiratory, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Occupational Health, Accident & Emergency etc.)

Manufacturer	Model	Quantity	Department
Vitalograph	Alpha	7	Respiratory Physiology manages them all, but they are located, and moved, to various locations depending on need.

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MIR	Spirometer	2	Respiratory Physiology.
Vitalograph	Pneumotrac		Not in use.

2. For the most recent year for which data is available; how many Spirometry medical devices did the Trust procure?

Manufacturer	Model	Quantity	Year of Purchase
Vitalograph	Alpha	7	2023

3. For the most recent year for which data is available; how many Spirometry patient tests did the Health Board perform?

Year	April 2023 – April 2024
Number of patient tests	905

4. What is the Health Board's preferred procurement channel for purchasing Spirometry medical devices?

- Supplier Direct
- NHS Supply Chain
- Other* (please specify)

Other*: **Third party distributor in line with NHS Wales Procurement processes.**

5. What is the Trust's preferred payment model for Spirometry medical devices?

- One Time Purchase **for the ones we currently have**
- Monthly / Subscription
- Other* (please specify)

Other*: _____

6. What are the individual unit costs of each Spirometry device by cost category (hardware / software / maintenance)?

The devices we currently have were procured as a one-time purchase. 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.

6(i) Device Hardware

Manufacturer	Model	Payment Model	Unit Price Excl. VAT
		e.g. One Time Purchase, Monthly Subscription / Other*	

6(ii) Device Software

Manufacturer	Model	Payment Model	Unit Price Excl. VAT
		e.g. One Time Purchase, Monthly Subscription / Other*	

6(iii) Device Maintenance

Manufacturer	Model	Payment Model	Unit Price Excl. VAT
		e.g. One Time Purchase, Monthly Subscription / Other*	
<p>The main maintenance contract includes Spirometers. Depending on the model, the provider either outsources the maintenance or undertakes it themselves. This situation is currently under review.</p> <p>The devices do have an annual calibration check in line with the equipment ISO.</p>			

7. Does the Health Board undertake its own calibration of Spirometry medical devices or is this outsourced?

- In-house calibration
- Outsourced calibration
- No calibration

8. Would the Health Board benefit from a Spirometry Medical Device that only requires calibration annually?

- Yes
- No

9. What are the biggest challenges that the Health Board faces in providing Spirometry tests? **None at present.**

10 Is the Health Board planning to expand spirometry services?

- Yes
- No

10(i) If "Yes" what resources or support would be required to facilitate this expansion? **Not Applicable.**

11 Can you provide the contact details of the lead respiratory nurse, and the lead/business manager for respiratory services in your hospital?

Name:			
Position:			
Department:			
Email:			
Tel:			

The service can be contacted via: Powys.geninfo@wales.nhs.uk

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.