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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 17 May 2024 and subsequent clarification received on 28 June 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'd be grateful if you could please confirm the adoption of a full Electronic Patient Record (EPR) solution and Medical Device Integration (MDI) solution across your NHS Health Board by kindly providing a response to the following information request:

Please Note: Definitions of each solution type are provided at the bottom of this request.

EPR - Information Request

1. Current EPR Supplier Name?
2. System Name?
3. Contract Commencement Date?
4. Contract Expiration Date?

If no EPR is installed, can you please confirm the following:

5. Does your NHS Health Board currently adopt a Patient Administration System (PAS)?
6. If Yes, can you please confirm the NHS Health Boards current PAS Supplier?
Does your NHS Health Board have any plans to introduce a full EPR solution in the next two years?

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MDI - Information Request

7. Does your NHS Health Board currently adopt a Medical Device Integration solution across the Health Boards ICU and Theatre departments to facilitate the exchange of data between Medical Devices (Patient Monitors, Ventilators etc.) and Patient Information Systems such as an EPR, PAS or other Clinical Information Systems (CIS)?

If so, can you please provide the following information:

8. Current MDI Supplier Name?
9. System Name?
10. Contract Commencement Date?
11. Contract Expiration Date?

If no MDI solution is installed, can you please confirm the following:

12. Does your NHS Health Board have any plans to introduce an MDI solution in the next two years?

System Definitions

EPR – An electronic patient/health record is a digital version of a patient's paper chart.

MDI – Medical Device Integration refers to the interoperable linking of medical bedside devices (such as Patient Monitors, Ventilators etc.) to clinical information systems (such as an EPR) to facilitate automated exchange of data between the systems, removing manual paper driven processes.

PAS – Core enterprise systems, containing a Master Patient Index. Typically used by NHS Health Boards to document the patient journey e.g. patient arrival tracking, patient identification, clinician who managed the appointment, the treatment the patient received, diagnosis and next steps. This core functionality, required by every NHS Health Board typically covers admission, discharge and transfer.

CIS – Is a general name given to any system which collects and stores patient data. These systems may be deployed at department level, hospital level or indeed across entire healthcare systems.

Clarification requested:

Please can you define the term 'Medical Device Integration' (MDI). Does MDI include the connection of Point of Care Testing (POCT) equipment (e.g. INR Testing, Glucose monitoring devices etc.)?

Clarification received:

Medical Device Integration refers to the interoperable linking of medical bedside devices (such as Patient Monitors, Ventilators, pumps etc.) to clinical information systems (such as an EPR) to facilitate automated exchange of data between the systems, removing manual paper driven processes. Typically, this is all bedside devices used in ICU departments, theatres etc.

Powys Response:

Q1 - Q4. We have received a request of a similar nature previously, which I believe answers your questions. Please see FOI 23.R.347 Attachment 1.

Q5. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) uses the NHS Wales Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS).

Q6. This is held by Digital Health Care Wales (DHCW). We recommend that you contact them directly for further information Freedom of information - [Freedom of information - Digital Health and Care Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/foi/)

Q7 - Q11. I can confirm PTHB does not have an MDI system.

Q12. I can confirm we are not currently looking to introduce an MDI solution in Powys within the next two years.

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