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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 21 June 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from you.

1. How long are people waiting for a dementia diagnosis in Powys Teaching Health Board? This should be provided for each of the last three years to the date of your reply, and should be in this format: What proportion of people booked in for a dementia diagnosis appointment are waiting a) 0-10 weeks b) 11-20 weeks c) 21-30 weeks d) 31-40 weeks e) 41-50 weeks f) 51-60 weeks g) 61-70 weeks h) 71-80 weeks i) 81-90 weeks j) More than 90 weeks.
2. What percentage of dementia patients had a dementia review once a year in a) the first year b) the first two years c) the first five years after they were diagnosed with dementia.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days, as outlined by the statute.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Powys Response:

Q1. The All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards was published by Improvement Cymru in 2021, following extensive engagement with individuals living with dementia, carers, voluntary organisations and health and care professionals. The co-produced pathway promotes a whole systems integrated care approach, and in Powys, a Dementia Board has been established to ensure the standards for advancing dementia care locally are delivered effectively. We have emphasised that all projects in receipt of Dementia Action Plan ICF (Integrated Care Fund) funding will need to ensure their work aligns with the new standards. Work is underway, and the ongoing development of the Memory Assessment Service (MAS) working collaboratively with all partner agencies as part of this.

A focus of the standards nationally is measurement. Memory service staff in PTHB have worked collaboratively with the dementia lead nurse and business intelligence colleagues to establish a method of data capture that will ensure consistency and reflect the requirements within the NHS Exec Memory Assessment Service workbook.

Please see the table below for the length of wait for a dementia diagnosis:

Wait Band	2022	2023	2024
0-10 weeks	41	151	41
11-20 weeks	28	109	56
21-30 weeks	13	74	27
31-40 weeks	13	47	18
41-50 weeks	6	34	6
51-60 weeks	12	24	7
61-70 weeks	7	12	7
71-80 weeks	7	16	5
81-90 weeks	5	12	7
91 + weeks	63	174	75

Q2. This information is not collated, so we are unable to provide figures for this. However, when patients are prescribed memory medication, they are titrated appropriately with the support and monitoring of the memory nurse. Once a therapeutic dose is established, the patient will receive a review completed by the memory nurse after 6 months and a further review at 12 months by the consultant psychiatrist.

If patients are not prescribed memory medication, they are discharged to the GP and reviewed as part of their reviewing agreements. However, if changes are required, the GP will refer to the MAS or escalate for support and guidance,

in accordance with the Pathway, outlined in the Memory Assessment Operations Policy, which was reviewed in April 2024.

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.