

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.090.24

13 November 2024

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 5 November 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.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to submit a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding Consultant Study Leave Budget available to all medical consultants arising from their entitlement to study and professional leave under Paragraphs 250-254 of the National Health Service Hospital Medical and Dental Staff and Doctors in Public Health Medicine and the Community Health Service (England and Wales) Terms and Conditions of Service (as amended). You will be aware that Professional and Study leave is defined as follows under Paragraph 250:

“Professional or study leave is granted for postgraduate purposes approved by the employing authority, and includes study (usually, but not exclusively or necessarily, on a course), research, teaching, examining or taking examinations, visiting clinics and attending professional conferences”

Specifically, I would like to request the following information:

### Consultant Study Leave

1. In total, the budget for consultant study leave for your Health Board that has been allocated for financial year 2024-25? Please also state the allocation per consultant arising from that total budget.
2. The amount spent per consultant in your Health Board for undertaking study leave during financial year 2023-24, and for financial year 2024-25 to date?

### Consultant Professional Leave

3. In total, the budget for consultant professional leave for your Health Board that has been allocated for financial year 2024-25? Please also state the allocation per consultant arising from that total budget.

4. The amount spent per consultant in your Health Board for undertaking professional leave during financial year 2023-24, and for financial year 2024-25 to date?

### Powys Response:

Q1- Q4. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold data on study leave budget or expenditure at a level that allows us to identify these costs. Training in the health board can be a combination of:

i) Internally run courses by workforce or other training staff. We do not have details at a granular level to be able to identify consultant related training.

ii) In many cases the funding available does not come into PTHB but is managed by other organisations such as Health Education and Improvement Wales (HEIW), or educational partners or providers (where funding pots have been distributed to them such as with the apprenticeship levy).

iii) Other direct training costs that are coded as such in the health boards ledger. The figures over the year available are below. This however is not at a level to be able to identify consultant training costs and are here in total for completeness for the health board.

| <b>Year</b>                   | <b>Spend £'000</b> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2017 – 18                     | 458                |
| 2018 – 19                     | 462                |
| 2019 – 20                     | 293                |
| 2020 – 21                     | 264                |
| 2021 – 22                     | 330                |
| 2022 – 23                     | 305                |
| 2023 – 24                     | 396                |
| 2024 – 25 (Including October) | 221                |

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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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**Deputy Director of Finance**

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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.