

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.099.24

6 December 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 8 November 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:

Q1. What criteria does the Health Board use to decide whether to insource or outsource medical services?

Q2. Can you provide details on the procurement process for selecting third-party providers for insourcing and outsourcing projects?

Q3. What internal governance or oversight processes are in place to monitor the decision-making behind insourcing and outsourcing initiatives?

Q4. How many direct awards have the Health Board engaged with between October 2023 to October 2024?

Q5. Please provide the specialty with total value of contracts awarded for insourcing projects between October 2023 to October 2024.

Q6. Please provide the specialty with total value of contracts awarded for outsourcing projects between October 2023 to October 2024.

Q7. What percentage of your budget was allocated to insourcing and outsourcing medical services Between October 2023 to October 2024?

Q8. Are there any plans to increase or decrease the use of insourcing or outsourcing medical services from October 2024 – October 25?

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Q9. What long-term strategy does the Health Board have in place regarding the use of external providers for medical services?

Q10. Can you provide the names of the third-party providers involved in insourcing and outsourcing projects between October 2023 to October 2024.

Q11. How have insourcing and outsourcing projects impacted patient waiting times in the specialty areas you have previously mentioned?

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm that the Health Board use a shortfall in service capacity to archive NHS Wales performance targets.

Q2 & Q3. Procurement Services from NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) lead on the procurement on our behalf. Service specification are published to ensure consistent approach.

Q4. I can confirm there has been 1 direct award to the Health Board between October 2023 to October 2024.

Q5. Please see the table below for the specialty with total value of contracts awarded for insourcing projects between October 2023 to October 2024.

<b>Speciality</b>	<b>Cost (£)</b>
Endoscopy waiting lists	80,538
General Surgery Clinic	148,202
Oral Surgery & Maxillofacial Waiting list	2,395
Orthopaedics Anaesthetic	4,790
Gynaecology	2,395
Ear Nose and Throat (ENT)	27,000
Anaesthetics	14,370
<b>Total</b>	<b>279,690</b>

Q6. I can confirm there have been no out-sourcing by PTHB, however other NHS bodies will have out-sourced secondary care health care on behalf of Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) residents, through our Long Term Agreements (LTA).

Q7. I can confirm there was no budget allocated. It is a cost pressure, which is off-set by underspends on other budgets.

Q8. I can confirm there are plans to increase or decrease the use of insourcing or outsourcing medical services from October 2024 – October 25. These plans have gone to the Board to consider.

Q9. PTHB long term strategy regarding the use of external providers for medical services is to use NHS providers.

Q10. The names of the third-party providers involved in insourcing and outsourcing projects between October 2023 to October 2024 are:

- Insourcing – Medinet.

- Outsourcing – Not Applicable.

Q11. I can confirm that the insourcing and outsourcing projects have reduced patient waiting times.

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Yours sincerely



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