

Our ref: IG/FOI.002.24

27 September 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 2 September 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

1. Do you have a Local Enhanced Services (LES) or Directed Enhanced Service (DES) in place for Primary Care related to wound care?

If Yes:

2. When was the LES/ DES last reviewed/updated?

3. When is the LES/ DES due to be reviewed/updated?

4. Does the LES/ DES include postoperative wound management? Y/N

5. Does the LES/ DES include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears? Y/N

6. Does the LES/ DES include complex wound care? Y/N

If no:

7. Who manages complex wound care for non-housebound patients?

8. Does the LES/ DES include pressure ulcer prevention or pressure ulcer wound care? Y/N

9. Do you have any primary care led wound clinics?

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does have a Local Supplementary Service (LSS) in place that covers many areas of clinical activity which encompasses elements of wound care, namely the Additional Clinical Services LSS.

Q2. I can confirm the Additional Clinical Services LSS was last reviewed and updated in April 2024.

Q3. The Additional Clinical Services LSS is due for review in April 2025.

Q4. I can confirm the LSS does include postoperative wound management. Please Note - The extract below is from the Service Specification:

Post operative wound care following intervention by a secondary provider:

- Includes treatment up to 8-12 weeks in relation to an individual wound.
- Treatment exceeding the above timeframe requires referral to the Tissue Viability Nurse. The sharing of photographic evidence with the Tissue Viability Nurse is encouraged as part of the referral process.
- If no Tissue Viability Nurse service is available and it exceeds 12 weeks, the Primary Care department should be contacted regarding further patient management - newmedicines.powys@wales.nhs.uk
- Practices to adhere to the Powys Wound Care formulary.

Q5. I can confirm the LSS does not include traumatic wounds e.g. trauma and skin tears. However, this may be covered under the Minor Injuries Local Enhanced/Supplementary Service provided by eligible General Medical Services (GMS) Contractors to improve access to Minor Injury services.

This covers:

- Lacerations capable of closure by simple techniques (stripping, gluing, suturing).
- Following recent injury where it is suspected stitches may be required.

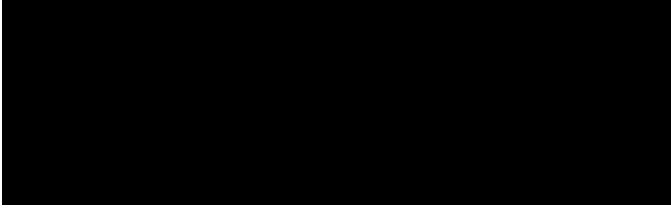
Q6. I can confirm the LSS does include complex wound care if post operative wound care following intervention by a secondary provider – please see our response to question 4 above.

Q7 – Q9. Not Applicable.

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