

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.271.25

13 May 2025

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 3 April 2025, 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 but have applied an exemption to elements of this request. For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Please could you provide the following information:

Q1. The year on year spend by Powys Teaching Health Board on management consultancy fees since October 2009.

Powys Response:

Q1. Please see the table below for Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) year on year spend on management consultancy fees since October 2009.

Financial Year	Consultancy Expenditure £'000
2009/10	391
2010/11	440
2011/12	595
2012/13	987
2013/14	2709
2014/15	2253
2015/16	913
2016/17	596
2017/18	705
2018/19	561
2019/20	448
2020/21	248

2021/22	505
2022/23	557
2023/24	922

With regards to 2024/25 – This information is intended for future publication; therefore Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act has been applied – Information intended for future publication. Section 22 is a qualified class-based exemption and consideration must be given as to whether there is a public interest in providing the information prior to the anticipated publication.

Information is exempt if, at the time when the public authority receives a request for the information:

- The public authority holds the requested information.
- The public authority intends the information to be published at some future date, whether that date is determined or not; and
- In all the circumstances it is reasonable to withhold the information under its planned publication.

Considerations favouring Public Interest Test:

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) recognises there is a strong public interest to demonstrate openness, transparency and accountability regarding its future plans into how services are provided and delivered to the Public.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure:

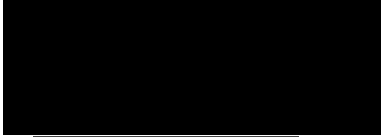
PTHB is committed to publishing information, however we do not consider that it is in the public interest to place information into the public domain, prematurely, before pre-publication procedures have taken place. In particular, such information remains draft and unconfirmed pending audit of the draft annual accounts.

We have therefore, reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Section 22 of the FOIA at this time, however this data will be available and can be accessed within our annual report which will be available from 30 September 2025 via the following link: [Annual Reports, Annual Accounts and Annual Quality Statements - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

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 Powys.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



Hywel Pullen
Deputy Director of Finance

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

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