

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.294.25

15 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 16 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 not 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:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding fertility preservation policies for patients with endometriosis within your Integrated Care Board (ICB) area. Specifically, I would be grateful if you could provide information on the following:

Q1. Policy on Fertility Preservation:

a. Does your ICB have a specific policy regarding fertility preservation (e.g., egg or embryo freezing) for patients with endometriosis prior to surgical intervention for ovarian endometriomas/ endometriotic cysts?

Q2. Clinical Criteria for Funding:

b. Are there set clinical criteria that must be met for patients with endometriosis to receive NHS funding for fertility preservation? For example, do these criteria include:

- i. Age restrictions?
- ii. Requirement for patients to be undergoing surgery for bilateral
- iii. endometriomas or other specific endometriosis-related surgeries?
- iv. A previous history of surgery for endometriosis?
- v. A specific Anti-Müllerian Hormone (AMH) cut-off value?

Q3. Scope of Funding:

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a. If funding is available, is it typically provided for one cycle of egg/embryo freezing, or are additional cycles potentially funded if the patient responds poorly to the initial cycle?

Q4. Second or Further Cycles:

a. In the case of an unexpectedly poor response to the initial funded cycle, is there any possibility of additional funding being granted for a second or further cycle of egg/embryo freezing?

Q5. Statistics on Funding Applications:

a. How many patients with endometriosis have been granted NHS funding for fertility preservation prior to surgery in the last two years?

Q6. How many funding applications for fertility preservation for patients with endometriosis have been made and subsequently declined during this same period?

Please provide the information in an electronic format. If any of the requested information is not available, or if it exceeds the cost limit under the FOI Act, please provide any partial information or guidance on how to refine the request.

Powys Response:

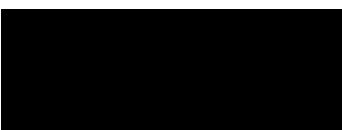
Q1 – Q6. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not provide fertility treatment and therefore does not have fertility preservation policies for patients with endometriosis.

I can confirm that responsibility sits with the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) and a link to their policy can be found on their website. [whssc.nhs.wales/commissioning/whssc-policies/fertility/specialist-fertility-services-commissioning-policy-cp38-april-2025/](https://www.whssc.nhs.wales/commissioning/whssc-policies/fertility/specialist-fertility-services-commissioning-policy-cp38-april-2025/). I therefore recommend that you contact the JCC with any further queries relating to this request.

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



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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.