

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.447.25

02 September 2025

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Higgins,

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information which was received on 04 August 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. For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Q1. What percentage of the Health Board Budget is spent on:

- General Medical Services.
- The other contractor Services of Community Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry.
- Community services (all services outside the acute hospital setting).

Please see the table below for Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) spend: Please Note: for Optometry, the 84.9% increase since 2021/22 is due to the service delivery model having changed, with Health Boards now responsible for commissioning additional services from Primary Care contractors.

	% of Health Board income		Actual spend (£'000)		
	2021/22	2024/25	2021/22	2024/25	Increase
GMS Services	11.0%	9.9%	£39,418	£44,737	13.5%

Community Pharmacy	1.4%	1.3%	£5,054	£5,727	13.3%
General Dentistry Services	2.3%	2.1%	£8,251	£9,301	12.7%
Optometry	0.4%	0.5%	£1,261	£2,331	84.9%
Powys Provided Community Services	20.6%	19.4%	£73,897	£87,290	18.1%

Q2. Can you confirm or deny if there has been any percentage increase in your budget spend on community services since April 1st, 2022? Please provide details.

I want to ensure that I answer your question correctly, but am concerned it could be interpreted in two ways. Therefore, I hope that the information provided above covers both.

The first two columns of data show how the proportion of the health board's overall expenditure has changed over the time period. For example, GMS was 11.0% of all expenditure in 2021/22 and this has reduced as a proportion to 9.9% in 2024/25.

The last three columns show that all areas have had an absolute increase in budget spend since 2021/2022.

Q3. Can you confirm or deny if there has been any percentage decrease in your budget spend on community services since April 1st 2022? Please provide details.

Please see answer to question 2.

Q4. What models of community rehabilitation operate in your Health Board? (By community rehabilitation, the CSP defines this as services which are multi-disciplinary/multi-agency enabling and supporting individuals to recover or adjust, to achieve their full potential and to live as full and active lives as possible)

I can confirm that the following models of community rehabilitation operate at Powys Teaching Health Board:

- **2 Community Resource teams which include Reablement.**
- **Virtual Ward assigned to each GP practice.**
- **4 Frailty Allied Health Professional Practitioners.**
- **1 Community Neurological Rehabilitation Team.**

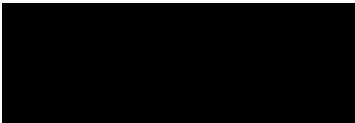
Q5. Please identify the number of each of these different types of teams in question 4, operating in your Health Board.

Please see the response to Q4.

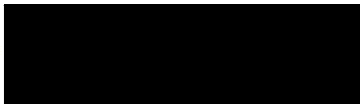
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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 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.