

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.450.25

06 August 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 05 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 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information. I would like to request the following information regarding MM, VIR & ID workload within the Trust. The request is as follows:

1. Does your trust have dedicated virology laboratories, or are diagnostic tests for viral infections conducted in microbiology laboratories?
2. Do you provide clinical advice to more than 1 trust? If so, does that include onsite availability and how many trusts, hospitals, health boards, and organisations?
3. Is your trust responsible and/or do they cover any other laboratory, if so, how many laboratories?
4. What type of lab setup does your organisation currently use?
5. Approximately how many tests have you received yearly for swabs, blood, urine & stools in the last 5 years for MM, MVIR & ID?
6. As a medical microbiologist / medical virologist accredited in infectious diseases, do you provide inpatient care?

7. How many of your working hours are spent between the listed work areas, per week?

8. How many microbiologists also do virology workload

9. Does the service cover the listed out-of-hours (inpatient or other)

I require the following information to be completed and returned on the excel spreadsheet that is attached.

Powys Response:

Q1 – Q9. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have any laboratories and therefore does not have any dedicated virology or microbiology laboratories. Therefore, this is a nil response.

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](mailto: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.