

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.459.25

27 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 8 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 each question individually.

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing at your Health Board:

Q1. Does your Health Board currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing? (Yes/No) - **I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not collect this level of data for Primary Care. I would suggest that you contact General Practitioner's (GP) separately for this information. The link below provides Powys GP contact details:**

[General Practices - Powys Teaching Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-professionals/primary-care/primary-care-practitioner-contacts)

I can also confirm that PTHB does not offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] blood testing in Secondary care.

If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:

- o a. Requested by primary care – **Not applicable.**
- o b. Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients) – **Not applicable.**

Q2. If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period - **Not applicable.**

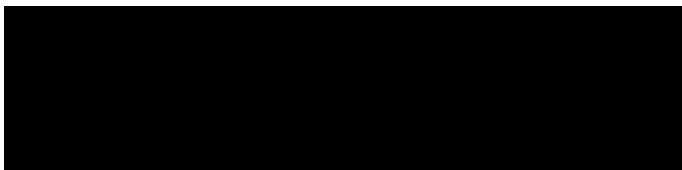
Q3. If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals) - **Not applicable.**

Q4. If Lp(a) testing is not currently available within your Health Board, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible) - **I can confirm PTHB does not collect this level of data for Primary Care. I would suggest that you contact General Practitioner's separately for this information. I can confirm that PTHB does not refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation in Secondary care.**

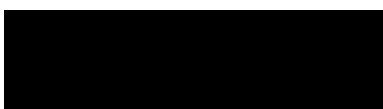
Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, 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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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.