

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.468.25

12 September 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 15 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, but have applied an exemption to elements of this request. 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):

I write to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide copies of all internal business cases and or workforce consultations produced or commissioned by your LHB since 1 January 2020 that involve any of the following:

Q1. A reduction in the number of doctors employed by the LHB, either by headcount or full-time equivalents - **There have been no internal business cases and or workforce consultations regarding a reduction in the number of doctors employed at Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) since 2020.**

Q2. A reduction in the number of doctors in any service or department, either by headcount or full-time equivalence - **There have been no internal business cases and or workforce consultations regarding a reduction in the number of doctors in any service or department at PTHB since 2020.**

Q3. An introduction or increase in the number in the employment of physician associates, either by headcount or full-time equivalence, in any service or department - **There has been one business case for 2 additional PAs in Mental Health. Please find enclosed FOI.468.25 Attachment 1.**

The Health Board is withholding names of member of staff who prepared the executive committee. This decision has been made as it is not within the expectations of the individual that their personal data would be put into the public domain. This information is classed as personal data of third parties and is therefore being withheld in accordance with section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) by virtue of section 40 (3) (a) (i) of the Act which permits a public authority to withhold personal data other than the requester's where the disclosure would breach a Data Protection Principle.

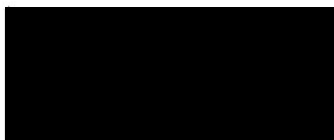
The Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/ General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) defines personal data as data which relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information which is in the possession of the data controller.

Q4. An introduction or increase in the employment of anaesthesia associates either by headcount or full-time equivalence - **There have been no internal business cases and or workforce consultations regarding an introduction or increase in the employment of anaesthesia associates at PTHB since 2020.**

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



Kate Wright
Executive Medical Director

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.