

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.473.25

17 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 19 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 exemptions to elements of this request.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I would like to request a complete breakdown of all NHS spending and expenditure for the most recent full financial year. I am seeking a comprehensive account of how the entire NHS budget is allocated and spent, covering all categories and sub-categories of expenditure, including every item and contract where possible. Specifically, I am requesting all spending information across the NHS, including but not limited to:

- Staffing costs (all salaries, benefits, training, recruitment, agency staff, consultancy fees, etc.)
- Hospital and primary care service expenditure
- Administrative and management costs
- Procurement and contracts (medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, PPE, IT, external services, etc.)
- Capital projects (buildings, infrastructure, IT systems, digital programmes)
- Payments to private providers, charities, and third-party organisations
- Regional, trust-level, and other local allocations of funding
- Research and development expenditure
- Any other areas of expenditure not listed above

I request this information at the most detailed level available, including line-by-line or transaction-level data if such records exist, so that every pound spent can be accounted for.

If the complete dataset is too large to provide by email, please advise on the format in which it is held and how it can be accessed. My preference would be to receive the information electronically, ideally in an open format such as Excel or CSV.

Powys Response:

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Health Board is not required to provide information if it is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has applied this exemption to your request, as the information you are seeking is already available on our website. As Section 21 is an absolute exemption, it does not require consideration of the public interest test.

Under Section 16 of the Act, our duty to provide help and assistance, please see the following links:

- Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) key documents for our annual reports, annual accounts and annual quality reports: [Annual Reports, Annual Accounts and Annual Quality Statements - Powys Teaching Health Board](#).
- Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) Publication Scheme - Class 2 What we Spend And How we Spend it [Publication Scheme - Powys Teaching Health Board](#).
- Financial report is included in our [Board Papers](#) detailing the Health Boards most recently reported financial position.

The total expenditure values for the areas in question can be found in our Annual Report and Accounts. Additionally, a Finance Report is presented at each Board meeting, detailing the Health Board's most recently reported financial position.

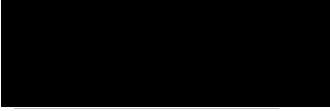
We would also recommend you visit our disclosure log where PTHB has responded to various FOI requests relating to spend. You may wish to access the disclosure log via: [Disclosure Log - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

To provide a more detailed breakdown, we have assessed the time and resources required to locate, retrieve, and extract the relevant data. We estimate that this would involve approximately 8 working days of staff time. As such, the cost of complying with this part of your request would exceed the £450 fees limit set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. As a result, under Section 12, PTHB is not obliged to comply with this part of your 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](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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**Deputy Director of Finance**

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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.