

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.614.25

9 December 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 09 December 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 the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

Q1. Do you commission a specialist weight management service? Is it located within your catchment area? If not, where are people within your area requiring specialist weight management services typically referred? – **I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) provides a specialist weight management service through the Powys Living Well Service.**

Q2. If you commission a specialist weight management service, is it currently accepting new referrals? And if it is not accepting new referrals, when did this come into effect? – **The weight management service is currently accepting new referrals.**

Q3. Does the specialist weight management service you commission prescribe GLP-1RA weight loss drugs? And if yes, does this include the following (please specify all those it includes):

- Liraglutide (Saxenda®) – **Yes.**
- Semaglutide (Wegovy®) – **Yes.**
- Tirzepatide (Mounjaro®) – **Yes.**

Q4. If yes, how many patients have been prescribed a GLP-1RA for weight loss through the service you commission? - **6 patients have been prescribed with GLP-1RA for weight loss through the service.**

Q5. If the service does not prescribe GLP-1RAs, is there a planned start date for when the services may begin prescribing GLP-1RAs for weight loss? - **Not applicable.**

Q6. Do you fund bariatric surgery for people living in your catchment area? - **In Wales, Bariatric surgery is commissioned centrally via the Joint Commissioning Committee.**

Q7. Please list all the current criteria that are used for funding decisions regarding bariatric surgery - for example, but not limited to, BMI cut-offs, type 2 diabetes status, time in weight management service, requirement for preoperative weight loss, comorbidities etc. - **To be considered for surgery an individual will normally be expected to have worked with their local service for at least two years who will assess their suitability for surgery.**

Q8. Is there a commissioned/designated bariatric surgery service located within your catchment area? If not, where are people requiring bariatric surgery within your area typically referred? - **All referrals for bariatric surgery are addressed to Welsh Institute of Metabolic and Obesity Surgery (WIMOS) which is based in Swansea.**

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who can be contacted at:

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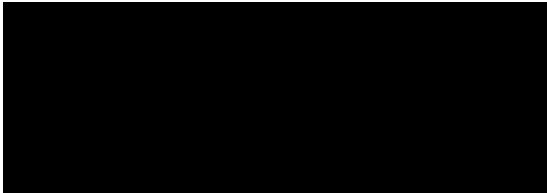
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Yours sincerely



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