

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.208.25

5 March 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 18 February 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds 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:

As per the laws regards Freedom of Information request can you please forward on to me, the following information on Lipid Blood testing with Powys University Health Board boundaries, please.

Q1. Can you send to me any guidelines or guidance utilised for Health Care Professionals on completing lipid tests?

Q2. Are lipid tests fasted or non-fasted in Primary Care and in Secondary Care as standard?

Q3. Can all clinicians see Triglyceride results when lipid tests are completed?

Q4. What calculation is used within Powys HB (in Primary Care and Secondary Care) when creating a triglyceride result - Samson or Friedwald?

Powys Response:

Please Note: Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services in DGH provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. There is no clinical laboratory within Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) therefore all tests are outsourced to neighbouring DGH. We are

therefore bound by the different testing and reporting protocols from a wide range of service providers.

Q1. I can confirm PTHB does not complete lipid testing in secondary care. All tests are outsourced to neighbouring DGH's. There are no specific lipid testing guidelines for PTHB or Wales other than the UK NICE guidelines.

Q2. This depends on the type of test requested, however generally a nonfasted request is made via primary Care.

Q3. Yes, all clinicians can access this data via EMIS or Welsh Clinical Portal (WCP).

Q4. We do not complete Triglyceride calculation in secondary care. This is done within the relevant primary care setting.

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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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.