

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.156.25

5 February 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 January 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 my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:  
Can I please request the following information:

1. Spending on Ophthalmology Services in the Private Sector:
  - 1.1. Could you provide a breakdown of the expenditure on ophthalmology services referred to the private sector over the past five years?
  - 1.2. What is the total number of individual cases referred to the private sector during this period?
  - 1.3. What is the average cost per case for these referrals?
2. Spending on NHS Ophthalmology Services:
  - 2.1 Could you provide a breakdown of the expenditure on ophthalmology services within the NHS over the past five years?
  - 2.2 What is the total number of individuals treated within your Ophthalmology Department?
  - 2.3 What is the average cost per treatment for each individual?
3. Data on sexually transmitted infections and diseases, categorized by the previous three years:

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3.1 The number of STI and/or STD tests performed in GP offices, infirmaries, and NHS Wales Sexual Health Clinics.

3.2 The quantity of inconclusive, negative, and positive test results reported by test type in NHS Wales Sexual Health Clinics, Infirmaries, and General Practitioners.

3.3 The quantity of patients re-infected by STI/STD type.

Powys Response:

Q1.1. I can confirm there has been no private sector spend in ophthalmology services over the last five years.

Q1.2. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) did not make any referrals to private sector during this period. Therefore, this is a nil response.

Q1.3. Not applicable please see Q1.1 and Q1.2 above.

2.1 Please see the table below for the total Ophthalmic NHS Cost for PTHB Patients by Financial year (includes Admitted patients and outpatients across multiple sites and providers coded to specialty code 130)

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
Total Cost £	4,101,899	2,037,655	4,211,219	5,069,678	5,142,685

Q2.2 & Q2.3 Please see the tables below for the total number of individuals treated within your Ophthalmology Department and the average cost per treatment:

<b>OUTPATIENTS</b>	<b>Year</b>				
	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>
Number of Patients treated	3,211	1,866	2,804	3,052	3,249
Patient cost total £	674,927	377,168	1,188,169	1,245,058	1,331,362
Average cost per treatment (Q2.3)	210.19	202.13	423.74	407.95	409.78

ADMITTED PATIENTS	Year				
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Number of Patients treated	596	351	629	682	620
Patient cost total £	681,034	371,133	669,490	748,365	625,132
Average cost per treatment (Q2.3)	1,142.67	1,057.36	1,064.37	1,097.31	1,008.28

Q3.1, Q3.2 & Q3.3. I can confirm Public Health Wales (PHW) will hold the information regarding testing carried out via General Practices (GP)/Test & Post etc. PTHB do not have access to this data.

I can confirm that PTHB does not collect figures on number of tests we have completed in sexual health services within Powys. In order to answer your question this would require a manual trawl of 1800 - 2000 associated records. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

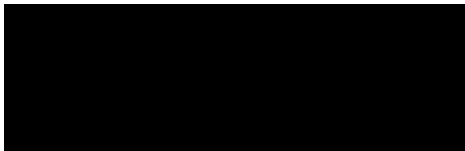
Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request,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