

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.182.25

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 23 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:

Q1. Are on site staff permitted to change lightbulbs of all kinds in NHS hospitals in your health board area or is there a requirement for this to be carried out by outsourced professionals?

Q2. If on site staff are not permitted, can you publish this guidance?

Q3. Could you provide a full breakdown of the cost of outsourcing the replacement of light bulbs in each of the last five years?

Powys Response:

Q1. PTHB in-house Estates maintenance team have responsibility for changing light bulbs. External specialists may be engaged if there is a requirement involving specific access or technical requirements, this would constitute only a small and ad hoc proportion of work undertaken. If PTHB staff identify an issue with lighting it is understood that a job request would be recorded via the Estates Helpdesk.

Q2. Not applicable; in-house Estates staff /specialist professionals undertake light bulbs changes in PTHB.

Q3. Not applicable; PTHB does not outsource the routine replacement of lightbulbs for building or infrastructure purposes

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



Wayne Tannahill
Associate Director of Capital, Estates and Property

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.