

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.183.25

28 January 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 not 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:

I would like to put in a Freedom of Information request to the Health Board for the following information on spend on both corrective surgery and on dealing with complications as a consequence of procedures carried out overseas.

1. How many patients in total have had to have corrective surgery to deal with complications from surgery abroad in each of the following financial years: 2021-22; 2022-2023; 2023-2024, 2024- present?
2. How many surgical procedures have been carried out in total on PTHB patients to revise or deal with complications from surgery carried out abroad in each of the financial years: 2021-22; 2022-2023; 2023-2024, 2024- present?
3. How much is the total spend, or failing that the estimated spend, to the health board of corrective surgeries to deal with complications from surgeries carried out abroad in each of the following financial years: 2021-22; 2022-2023; 2023-2024, 2024- present?
4. What types of corrective surgery have taken place to deal with complications for PTHB patients from surgery that has taken place abroad in the last 5 financial years? E.g. bariatric, plastic, maxillofacial.

5. What types of initial operation have taken place abroad (for example, gastric band surgery, breast reduction) have needed revision in Wales by NHS surgeons in the last 5 financial years?

I appreciate PTHB itself does not have surgeons in this area – but wanted to ask to ascertain the spend for patients living in the PTHB area.

Powys Response:

Q1 – Q5. Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county. Powys patients with complications as a consequence of procedures carried out overseas would be treated for corrective surgery in DGH's provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England.

We therefore recommend you contact them directly for further information. Please see the table below for contact details:

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
The Robert Jones Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.foi@nhs.net
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk

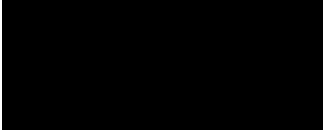
Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	Freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Velindre University NHS Trust	Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk

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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.