

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.382.25

28 July 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 03 July 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:

Please respond to the following questions as a Freedom of Information request:

Q1. What is the content of any policy document or clinical referral protocol or guidance (henceforth abbreviated as 'policy') in current use in the Health Board which describes whether patients living with overweight or obesity, who are under consideration or seeking referral for hip or knee replacement surgery, are subject to any of the following:

- A BMI threshold for referral to surgery or listing for surgery.
- A requirement to accept referral or support for weight management ahead of surgical referral or listing for surgery.
- A requirement to demonstrate attempted or successful weight loss ahead of surgical referral or listing for surgery.
- Postponement or delay to their surgical referral or listing for surgery, whether or not the patient chooses to engage in weight management during that time.

Q2. What was the start date for the policy?

Q3. What is the planned review date for the policy?

Q4. If no such policy is currently in place, are there plans for policy introduction?

Q5. If so, when and of what content?

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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 and therefore do not undertake hip or knee replacement surgery in Powys. Powys patients would be treated 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
The Robert Jones Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.foi@nhs.net
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.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
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@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.