

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.392.25

22 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 08 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 hold the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Please can I request the below information on the utilisation of Insourcing for the following period 01/04/2025-30/06/2025

Q1. Total spend during the period for Insourcing for the below specialties:

- Neurology
- Neurophysiology
- Dermatology
- Gastroenterology
- Endoscopy
- Cardiology
- Respiratory
- Orthodontics / Dental
- OMFS
- ENT
- Rheumatology
- Gynaecology
- Ophthalmology
- Surgery- including all subspecialties

Please see the table below for Powys Teaching Health Boards insourcing spend for the specialities listed.

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Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU
Tel: 01874 711661

Speciality	Spend (£)
Neurology	Nil
Neurophysiology	Nil
Dermatology	Nil
Gastroenterology	£2,770
Endoscopy	£8,242
Cardiology	Nil
Respiratory	Nil
Orthodontics/ Dental	Nil
OMFS	Nil
ENT	£6,000
Rheumatology	Nil
Gynaecology	Nil
Ophthalmology	Nil
Surgery- including all subspecialties	£17,395

Q2. Please break the spend down by insourcing company.

I can confirm the breakdown spend by insourcing company was Medinet - £34,407.

Q3. Please confirm if there was a budget for insourcing for the specialties outlined during the same period.

I can confirm that there was a budget for insourcing during this period.

Q4. What was the service type relating to the specialties outlined, for example, outpatient, diagnostic or theatres.

I can confirm the service type relating to the specialties outlined was Theatre and Outpatients.

Q5. Was it a fully managed service or Team provision.

I can confirm this was Consultant only provision and not full Team provision.

Q6. Please can you confirm the Frameworks utilised for each specialty.

I can confirm that the framework utilised was the tender process using NHS Wales Shared Services framework, which was awarded to Medinet.

Q7. Please confirm any direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty.

I can confirm that there are no direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty

Q8. Total procedures completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined during the same period.

I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) are withholding the number of procedures completed by Medinet for the specialties outlined as it is considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person

maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information because it was felt that, in doing so, it could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the Health Board and third parties we work with.

As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption Section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this.

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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David Farnsworth
Assistant Director, Community Services Group

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.