

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.353.25

01 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 5 June 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 but have applied an exemption to elements of this request.

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

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Please can you provide me with the below information:

Q1. In the last 6 months, please confirm if any Mental Health services have been outsourced:

If yes, please confirm:

- The service provided E.G ADHD, Autism etc (please provide breakdown for each service if applicable).
- The name of the company each service was outsourced to.
- Is there a contract in place and the length of contract for each service provided (if applicable).
- The value of each service in the last 6 months.

Q2. Please provide an email and contact name within the outsource provider.

Powys Response:

Q1a. Diagnostic Assessments to support Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) Children's Neurodevelopment (ASD and ADHD) Service.

Q1b. Wade Therapy Services Ltd.

Q1c. Yes, 3-month contract – January to March 2025.

Q1d. PTHB are withholding the contract value 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 the third parties we work with.

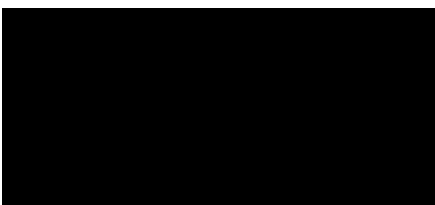
As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information 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.

Q2. Please see the below email address for Wade Therapy Services Ltd:
Chris@wts.ltd

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



Amie Symes
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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.