

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.375.25

17 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 24 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.

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):

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following: Number of procedures (April 2024 – YTD).

Q1. The overall / total spend on cataract surgery procedures each financial year by individual year across your Health Board from 2018/19 to 2024/25.

Please see below table which sets out Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) overall/ total spend on cataract surgery procedures for each financial year from 2018/19 to 2024/25:

Financial Year	Total cost (£)
2018 - 2019	605,280
2019 - 2020	615,264
2020 - 2021	352,739
2021 - 2022	603,281
2022 - 2023	709,770
2023 - 2024	677,387
2024 - 2025	752,916

Q2. The overall / total number of cataract surgery procedures undertaken each financial year by individual year across your Health Board from 2018/19 to 2024/25.

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Please see below table which sets out PTHB's overall/ total number of cataract surgery procedures for each financial year from 2018/19 to 2024/25:

Financial Year	Number of procedures
2018 - 2019	582
2019 - 2020	580
2020 - 2021	329
2021 - 2022	639
2022 - 2023	755
2023 - 2024	700
2024 - 2025	741

Q3. The overall / total spend on cataract surgery procedures each financial year by year across your Health Board to each NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Provider from 2018/19 to 2024/25 broken down by individual NHS Hospital and Private Provider.

Please specifically specify your answer to Question 3 for the following Private Providers:

- a) Optical Express
- b) Optegra
- c) Spamedica
- d) Newmedica
- e) Anglia Community Eye Services (ACES)
- f) CHEC
- g) Spire Yale Hospital
- h) Nuffield Health Cardiff and Vale Hospital
- i) Spire Cardiff Hospital
- j) North Wales Eye Specialist Centre
- k) Werndale Hospital
- l) iLase Eye Clinic

Please see FOI.375.25 Attachment 1 for PTHB's overall/ total spend on cataract surgery procedures each financial year to other NHS Hospital providers.

Where an asterisk (*) is shown, this is English data provided to us by Hospital Caseload and Capacity System (HCCS) and Secondary Uses Service (SUS), no provider was given.

Please note: The data provided shows all NHS Trusts/Health Boards and private providers where activity has been commissioned.

Q4. The overall/ total number of cataract surgery procedures undertaken in each financial year by year across your Health Board by each NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Provider from 2018/19 to 2024/25 broken down by individual NHS Hospital and Private Provider.

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Where an asterisk (*) is shown, this is English data provided to us by Hospital Caseload and Capacity System (HCCS) and Secondary Uses Service (SUS), no provider was given.

Please note: The data provided shows all NHS Trusts/Health Boards and private providers where activity has been commissioned.

5. Please specifically specify your answer to Question 4 for the following Private Providers:

- a) Optical Express
- b) Optegra
- c) Spamedica
- d) Newmedica
- e) Anglia Community Eye Services (ACES)
- f) CHEC
- g) Spire Yale Hospital
- h) Nuffield Health Cardiff and Vale Hospital
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Please see response to Q4 above.

Q6. For the period 1st of April 2024 to YTD, please provide the names of all in NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Providers that have undertaken Cataract Surgery, YAG capsulotomy procedures, General Ophthalmology outpatient, Oculoplastic services, AMD services & Glaucoma services of any description to the Health Board.

Please see FOI.375.25 Attachment 1 which provides names of all in NHS Hospital and Private (Independent Sector) Providers that have undertaken the above-named procedures.

Q7. Please provide the number of patients on waiting lists for cataract surgery at the Health Board as of:

- a) 1 January 2019
- b) 1 January 2020
- c) 1 January 2021
- d) 1 January 2022
- e) 1 January 2023
- f) 1 January 2024
- g) 1 January 2025

I can confirm that PTHB does not hold waiting list data prior to 2022 due to a change in systems. We use an end of month census date rather than 1st of month, so numbers have been provided for the 31st December. The table below shows the number of patients on waiting lists for cataract surgery in PTHB:

Census Date	Numbers Waiting
31/12/2022	166
31/12/2023	205
31/12/2024	299

Q8. Please provide the number and percentage of patients who were waiting longer than 18 weeks from the date of referral to cataract surgery as of:

- a) 1 January 2019
- b) 1 January 2020
- c) 1 January 2021
- d) 1 January 2022
- e) 1 January 2023
- f) 1 January 2024
- g) 1 January 2025

PTHB does not hold waiting list data prior to 2022 due to a change in systems. We use an end of month census date rather than 1st of month, so numbers have been provided for the 31st of December.

Please see the table below for the number and percentage of patients who were waiting longer than 18 weeks from the date of referral to cataract surgery:

Census Date	31/12/2022	31/12/2023	31/12/2024
Number waiting > 18 weeks	98	152	180
Percent waiting > 18 weeks	59%	74%	79%

Q9. Please provide the maximum and average wait times of patients on waiting lists for cataract surgery at the Health Board as of:

- a) 1 January 2019
- b) 1 January 2020
- c) 1 January 2021
- d) 1 January 2022
- e) 1 January 2023
- f) 1 January 2024
- g) 1 January 2025

I can confirm that PTHB does not hold waiting list data prior to 2022 due to a change in systems. The table below shows the maximum wait and the average wait times for patients on the waiting list for cataract surgery:

Census Date	Maximum wait (weeks)	Average (mean) wait (weeks)
31/12/2022	44	19
31/12/2023	50	26
31/12/2024	51	31

Q10. Please provide the number and percentage of NHS funded patients who had Immediate Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery at Hospitals and Private Providers (individually and collectively) within your Health Board in each of the following financial years:

- a) 2019/2020
- b) 2020/2021
- c) 2021/2022
- d) 2022/2023

e) 2023/2024

f) 2024/2025

Please see the table below for the number and percentage of patients who had Immediate Sequential Bilateral Cataract surgery:

Financial Year	Brecon War Memorial Hospital		Llandrindod Wells Hospital	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
2019 - 2020	0	0	0	0
2020 - 2021	0	0	0	0
2021 - 2022	1	0.3	2	0.6
2022 - 2023	3	1	25	6
2023 - 2024	31	12	86	26
2024 - 2025	60	24	115	37

Q11. Please provide the minimum, maximum and average number of eyes treated on cataract surgery lists (by session, up to 4 hours) at Hospitals and Private Providers (individually by provider) within your Health Board in each of the following financial years:

a) 2019/2020

b) 2020/2021

c) 2021/2022

d) 2022/2023

e) 2023/2024

f) 2024/2025

Please see the table below for the minimum, maximum and average number of eyes treated on cataract surgery lists within PTHB.

Please note: We do not hold this level of information for either commissioned NHS or private providers. Whilst we get activity data on a patient level, we do not get any data on the theatre sessions/ lists that the activity took place in.

Financial Year	Brecon War Memorial Hospital			Llandrindod Wells Hospital		
	Minimum	Maximum	Average	Minimum	Maximum	Average
2019 - 2020	1	7	5	2	7	5
2020 - 2021	2	6	6	3	6	4
2021 - 2022	1	7	5	2	6	5
2022 - 2023	1	6	5	2	6	5
2023 - 2024	1	6	5	2	6	5
2024 - 2025	2	7	5	1	7	5

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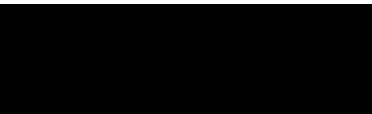
would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk

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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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.