

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.228.25

7 April 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 04 March 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds 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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on behalf of Crohn's & Colitis UK to request the following information:

Stool Tests:

Q1. Are a) quantitative faecal immunochemical test and b) faecal calprotectin tests available in primary care in your area and for what indications?

Q2. If they are not available, please list the area(s) where faecal calprotectin tests are unavailable.

Diagnostic Pathways:

Q3. How many diagnostic pathways do you currently have for patients presenting with Lower gastrointestinal symptoms?

Q4. Please can you list the titles of the pathways

Q5. Which of these pathways include the usage of faecal calprotectin test?

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm that this information is held within Powys GP Practices, and I would recommend you contact them directly via the following link: [General Practices - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

Q2. Not applicable based on response to Q1.

Q3. Within Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) Planned Care the diagnostic pathway offered is endoscopy, all other diagnostics are undertaken via commissioned providers.

Q4. Endoscopy symptomatic and bowel screening.

Q5. I can confirm faecal calprotectin tests are not available in secondary care. PTHB commissions most of its secondary care services from NHS Wales Health Boards and NHS England Trusts.

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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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.