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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 11 March 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partially 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:

Section 12 doctors provide a vital role in assisting with Mental Health Act assessments, often at night or in high risk situations, however the rates for payment (typically around £170 per assessment, many of which may be 4 or more hours long) have not been revised for over a decade, even for inflation. This is making it difficult to obtain doctors willing to attend, putting lives at risk. The BMA pointed this out and recently made advisory rates for MHA assessments public in 2024:

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To date, few bodies have respected this advice in Wales.

Q1. I am requesting the standard fee rate for MHA assessments that doctors seeing patients in your health board are paid. If this is not paid directly by the health board, please liaise with the relevant council to find the rates. Please provide typical rates to reimburse a doctor for MHA fee (and mileage rates) for each year since 2000 up to 2025 in a simple table with these two columns.

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Powys Response:


Q1. Please note that we are unable to provide this data prior to 2019. Please see the table below for the standard rate fee for S12 assessments and mileage rate:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Standard rate for a S12 assessment if S12 approved	£173.37	£173.37	£173.37	£173.37	£173.37	£173.37	£173.37
Standard rate for a S12 assessment if not S12 approved	£53.76	£53.76	£53.76	£53.76	£53.76	£53.76	£53.76
Mileage rate/mile	£0.55	£0.55	£0.55	£0.55	£0.55	£0.55	£0.55

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