

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.261.25

8 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 27 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:

Powys Teaching Health Board to "deliberately" increase patient waiting times.

In relation to any such decision please disclose to me how many of those members of the PTHB:-

1. Have private medical insurance or:-
2. Any other benefits which mean they get preferential NHS treatment.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold the information around the number of staff with private medical insurance.

Q2. I can confirm all PTHB staff are eligible for fast track access for NHS physiotherapy services. This is an essential element of our Occupational Health offer in order to prevent and reduce musculoskeletal related injury and sickness absence of PTHB staff, which is one of the major causes of staff absence. The fast track system has been designed for staff who have acute, recent injuries or other problems that are affecting staff ability to work.

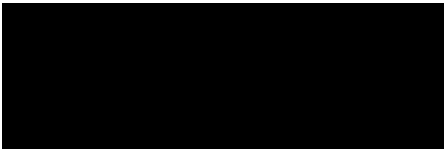
Please see FOI.261.25 Attachment 1 for PTHBs protocol for staff accessing our physiotherapy services.

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



Helen Bushell
Director of Corporate Governance/ Board Secretary

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.