

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.267.25

23 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 30 March 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.

Please Note: PTHB hosts Health and Care Research Wales (HCRW). For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am conducting an FOI-based study to explore the current state of community and/or patient public involvement and engagement (PPIE) within high-level agenda setting research boards in organisations funding health research in the UK. May I please ask for the following information under the FOI act.

Q1. Does your organisation have an executive board where health research funding strategy is set?

Q2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].

Q3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual funding calls- I refer to high level feedback into your research funding strategy meetings) Yes/no.

Q4. Concerning health research, is there a PPIE representative on any lower-level board/committee (e.g individual funding calls).

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Q5. If yes to question 2, 3 or 4, please provide a list of members of the board and/or PPIE advisory structure with designated roles/remits (not names).

Q6. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?

Q7. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify

Powys Response:

Q1. Yes, and I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has an approved Research and Development (R&D) Strategy 2025 – 2028.

Q2. I can confirm the R&D strategy was approved by the Executive Medical Director as the Executive lead for R&D. I can confirm we only have a PTHB Board, no other board exists.

Q3 - Q4. We do not have a separate R&D committee structure within PTHB. PTHB does not have any District General Hospitals (DGH) within its footprint. Secondary and tertiary care for our patients is commissioned and provided through a number of Health Boards and Trusts across Wales and England. Our patients would access R&D opportunities through these providers.

Q5 – Q7. Not applicable.

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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.