

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.334.25

29 May 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 19 May 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold 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 would like to make an FOI request to obtain the following information email for the time period of 2023-2025:

Q1. The total numbers of Emergency general surgery operations performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic. For robotic surgeries please can this be further broken down into the type of robot in use for each operation (e.g. include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand).

Q2. Type and numbers of robot available in your trust and used in emergency general surgery cases (Examples include Da Vinci, Versius, Freehand, Soloassist, Microhand S, AESOP, Zeus).

Q3. The total numbers of Emergency general surgery operations performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025 occurring during out of hours (weekends, nights)

Q4. Number of robotic general surgery cases (both emergency and elective) performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025.

Q5. Number the following operations performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic (with robotic surgeries further broken down into type of robot used if applicable)

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- a. cholecystectomies
- b. laparotomies
- c. Laparoscopies
- d. appendectomies
- e. hernia repairs
- f. Hartmann's procedures
- g. Adhesiolysis
- h. Small bowel resection

An example table is shown here:

	Open	Laparoscopic	Robotic (DaVinci)	Robotic (Versius)
Cholecystectomies				
laparotomies				
Laparoscopy				
appendectomies				
hernia repairs				
Hartmann's				
Adhesiolysis				
Small bowel resection				

Q6. Mean length of stay of patients who have undergone the following performed between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Broken down by: Open, laparoscopic and robotic.

- a) cholecystectomies
- b) laparotomies
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Q7. The number and type of complications that occurred in robotic general surgery cases between January 1st 2023-January 1st 2025. Including but not limited to conversions to another type of surgery, device-related complications, injury to surrounding structures or tissue, serums, infection, leakage, hernias, mortality.

Q8. Number of staff trained to assist with robotic cases.

Q9. The average (Over 4 weeks) number of staff trained to assist in robotic surgery available out of hours (weekends/nights).

To elaborate emergency general surgery would include robotic assisted operations in any of: Acute surgical diseases of the abdomen, mesenteric ischaemia, appendectomies, cholecystectomies, hernias, bowel obstruction, adhesiolysis, diverticular disease, diverticulitis, incarceration, perforation, peritonitis, and acute conditions of the gastrointestinal tract.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not undertake emergency general surgery.

Q2. I can confirm PTHB does not undertake robotic surgery.

Q3 - Q4 & Q7- Q9. Not applicable.

Q5. I can confirm this information is not available on the Welsh Patient Administrative System (WPAS) as we do not use procedure codes for operations.

Q6. I can confirm PTHB provides day case surgery only and does not accommodate any overnight stays.

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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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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.