

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.530.25

03 November 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 07 October 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 but has applied an exemption to elements of this request.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information: Please can I request the below information on the utilisation of Insourcing for the following period 01/07/2025-30/09/2025

Q1. Total spend during the period for insourcing. - **I can confirm the total spend during this period for insourcing as £41,524.**

Q2. Total spend during the period for Insourcing for the below specialties:

- a. Neurology
- b. Neurophysiology
- c. Dermatology
- d. Gastroenterology
- e. Endoscopy
- f. Cardiology
- g. Respiratory
- h. Orthodontics
- i. Dental
- j. OMFS
- k. ENT
- l. Rheumatology
- m. Gynaecology

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n. Ophthalmology

o. Surgery - including all subspecialties

Please see the table below for Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) insourcing spend for the specialities listed:

Speciality	Spend (£)
a. Neurology	£0
b. Neurophysiology	£0
c. Dermatology	£0
d. Gastroenterology	£0
e. Endoscopy	£0
f. Cardiology	£0
g. Respiratory	£0
h. Orthodontics	£0
i. Dental	£0
j. OMFS	£0
k. ENT	£0
l. Rheumatology	£0
m. Gynaecology	£0
n. Ophthalmology	£0
o. Surgery - including all subspecialties	Anaesthetic cover only for gynaecology, oral surgery and orthopaedic lists £41,524.

Q3. Please break the spend down by insourcing company. **I can confirm the breakdown spend by insourcing company was Medinet - £41,524.**

Q4. Please confirm if there was a budget and how much budget for insourcing for the specialties outlined during the same period. **I can confirm that there was no designated budget.**

Q5. What was the service type relating to the specialties outlined, for example, outpatient, diagnostic or theatres. **I can confirm the service type relating to the specialties outlined was outpatient, diagnostic and anaesthetics.**

Q6. Was it a fully managed service or Team provision for each specialty outlined. **I can confirm this was Consultant only provision and not full Team provision.**

Q7. Please can you confirm the Frameworks utilised for each specialty - **I can confirm that the framework utilised was the tender process using NHS Wales Shared Services framework (NWSSP), which was awarded to Medinet.**

Q8. Please confirm any direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty - **I can confirm that there are no direct awards or mini competitions which are being utilised for each specialty.**

Q9. Total procedures/tests/ patients seen completed by insourcing companies for the specialties outlined during the same period.

I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is withholding the number of procedures/ patients seen by Medinet for the specialities outlined as it is considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information because it was felt that, in doing so, it could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the Health Board and third parties we work with.

As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption Section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this.

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who can be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

Telephone: 0330 414 6421

Complaints Portal: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

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Under the terms of the Regulations, the Health Board will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with

the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms and fees as laid down by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI). Most licenses will be free; however, the Health Board reserves the right, in certain circumstances to charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information including a sample license terms and fees can be found at Open Government Licence.

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.