

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.549.25

22 December 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 15 October 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:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

AI system information

Q1. How many artificial intelligence (AI) systems does your trust/ health board currently have in development?

Q2. How many AI systems are currently deployed within your trust/ health board?

For every AI model currently being used or developed in your trust:

Q3a. Is the AI model being used operationally, clinically, or for another purpose?

Q3b. What department(s) is the AI system being used in?

Q3c. What month and year was the AI system first deployed? (n/a if in development).

Q3d. Was the AI system created by a commercial entity, university, in-house, or within another NHS trust? Please give the name of the organisation.

Q3e. What is the AI systems architecture? (e.g. deep neural network, random forest, logistic regression, large language model).

Q3f. Which coding language and packages are used to deploy the AI system? (e.g. python - scikit-learn, pytorch, tensorflow)

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Q3g. What is the nature of the input of the AI system? (e.g. a medical scan, free text notes, tables of lab results).

Q3h. What is the nature of the output of the AI system? (e.g. a masked image, a risk score, natural text).

Q3i. How was the AI system validated in the target population before deployment?

Q3j. What measures are in place to monitor for degradation in the performance of the AI system post-deployment?

Q3k. What was the cost to procure the AI model and what is the ongoing cost of use?

Q3l. Which departmental budget is the cost paid from?

Data management

Q4. Was any local patient data used for training or fine tuning the AI system?

Q5. Is any patient data collected specifically for the purpose of training any of the AI systems currently in development or deployment?

Q6. Do you share, or plan to share, any patient data with third-party developers for AI-related purposes? If yes, please provide details of the data-sharing agreement or relevant policy.

Regulation

Q7. What is the regulation and certification of the AI model under the European Union Medical Device Directive and/or United Kingdom Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)?

Patient/public involvement

Q8. Was any patient/public engagement undertaken before deployment of the AI system?

Q9. Is there any ongoing patient/public engagement input into the use of AI within your organisation?

Governance

Q10. Who has responsibility for the AI systems being using?

Q11. Does your organisation have a governance policy that covers:

Q11a. Use of AI systems within your organisation?

Q11b. Ongoing evaluation of an AI model's performance after deployment?

Q11c. How to monitor for bias in the AI system and how to mitigate against this?

Powys Response:

Q1 – Q9. Please see FOI.549.25 Attachment 1 for Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) response to your above request.

Q3k. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) are withholding the cost to procure the AI model and the ongoing cost of use 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.

Q10. Governance around Artificial Intelligence (AI) sits within the Head of Information Governance, Records and Data Protection Officer remit. Consideration and due diligence of AI systems is undertaken by the Health Board's Digital Initiatives and Governance Group.

Q11a - Q11c. I can confirm that this policy is in draft.

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

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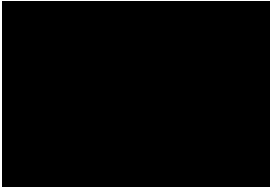
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Yours sincerely



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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.