

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.159.25

22 April 2026

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 10 April 2026, 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, and have applied an exemption to elements of this request. For ease of reference your request is set out below and the Health Board's response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

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

Q1. How many mesh slings for stress urinary incontinence known as TVT, TVTO, TOT were implanted into women in Wales from 2008 until the UK suspension in July 2018?

Q2. How many mesh slings have been implanted in Women from Wales from 10 July 2018 until 10 April 2026?

Powys Response:

Please note we are only able to provide a response on behalf of Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB).

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by another means. Section 21 is absolute and therefore does not require a public interest test. PTHB has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance. I can confirm the Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has responded to a request recently of a similar nature which we feel answers the questions you raised. Please visit the following link to access the health board's disclosure log, the previous response you need to review is FOI.624.25 (December 2025): [Disclosure Log - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Should you wish an internal review, please quote the reference number and send your correspondence to the above address.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner 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/>

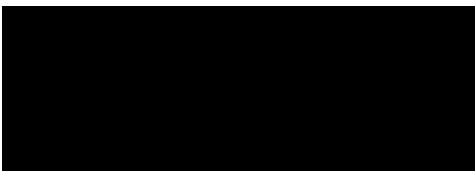
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Further information including a sample license terms and fees can be found at [Open Government Licence](#).

Yours sincerely



Elaine Lorton

Executive Director of Primary Community Care and Mental Health

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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.