

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.161.26

12 May 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 13 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 hold the information that you require. For ease of reference your request is set out below and the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):  
I would like to ask, as a FOI request, for each maternity unit in your trust.

Q1. What is the name of your maternity unit? – **I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has 6 birth centres:**

- **Brecon Birth Centre**
- **Ithon Birth Centre**
- **Knighton Birth Centre**
- **Newtown Birth Centre**
- **Welshpool Birth Centre**
- **Llanidloes Birth Centre**

Q2. How many 3rd year midwifery students do you have doing their clinical placement in your maternity unit, this academic year 2025-6? – **2.**

Q3. How many vacancies do you expect to have for newly qualified midwives in September 2026? – **1.**

Q4. How many vacancies do you expect to have in September - December 2026 for newly qualified midwives? – **Please see response to Q3 above.**

Q5. What communications have you sent to your 3rd year midwifery students to inform them about expected job opportunities when they qualify? – **Streamlining presentations have been completed in each Welsh**

**University. We have one vacancy for a streamlining midwife however it has not yet been decided where this role will be based. Both students are aware of the vacancy and awaiting to hear where it will be in Powys.**

Q6. If and when there are vacancies for newly qualified midwives, are midwives who trained at your trust/unit automatically offered a job without an interview / guaranteed an interview / not guaranteed a job nor an interview? – **PTHB and students will follow the All Wales streamlining process.**

Q7. How many Band 5 newly qualified midwives have been recruited in your unit since September 2025? – **0.**

Q8. How many of those are on permanent contracts? – **Not applicable.**

Q9. How many of those are on short-term contracts? – **Not applicable.**

Q10 How many of those are full-time? – **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.