

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.174.26

5 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 21 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):

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we kindly request the following information relating to service configuration, governance and strategic priorities within your organisation. This request relates to organisational structures and planning only and does not seek patient-level data, commercially sensitive information, or confidential clinical detail.

#### Section 1: System Structure & Governance

Q1. Have there been any changes to your commissioning or service delivery structures in the past 24 months (including mergers, hosted services, or collaborative arrangements)? – **No.**

Q2. Are any services related to respiratory, transplant, or rare diseases commissioned or managed collaboratively (e.g. regional networks, hosted models, or lead-commissioner arrangements)? – **From an Improvement & Transformation perspective, Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has recently undertaken a strategic assessment of scheduled care which has included respiratory. This has been carried out on our behalf by the Getting it Right First Time projects team at Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. This assessment will inform forward plans for pathway redesign for our scheduled care services.**

**There is no formal programme of transformation work for respiratory at present however the operational team continues to deliver service improvement activity through their operational structure. We would anticipate ongoing work on the future community and urgent care models for adult physical health in Powys to include elements of the respiratory pathway. This work reports to the Frailty & Community Programme Board under the Better Together portfolio.**

**There are deliverables for respiratory services within the annual plan, please see the below.**

<b>Respiratory</b>		
<b>Breathlessness Pathway</b>	<b>Develop implementation plan for breathlessness groups/ clinics from within existing resources with clear evidence base, benefits and target improvements metrics</b>	<b>Quarter 1 &amp; 2</b>
	<b>Implementation of breathlessness groups/ clinics including robust benefits tracking and monitoring of targets improvement metrics</b>	<b>Quarter 3 &amp; 4</b>

**I can confirm that there are no transplant or rare diseases services delivered in PTHB. There is a consultant lead in reach service commissioned from The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital and Hywel Dda University Health Board in North Powys for respiratory.**

Q3. Are there any planned organisational or governance changes affecting these service areas over the next 12–24 months? – **No.**

#### Section 2: Roles, Committees & Decision-Making

Q4. Which committees or governance groups hold responsibility for pathway design and medicines optimisation in:

- Respiratory services – **Respiratory pathway redesign Planned Care Transformation Board.**
- Transplant services – **Not applicable. Service not delivered in PTHB.**
- Rare disease services? – **Not applicable. Service not delivered in PTHB.**

Q5. Are there any named clinical leads, programme leads or specialist roles associated with these service areas?

- **Respiratory – Yes.**
- **Transplant services – Not applicable.**
- **Rare disease services – Not applicable.**

Q6. Have any new roles or groups been established in the past 18 months that influence pathway design or medicines decision-making? – **No.**

#### Section 3: Strategic Priorities & Pressures

Q7. Please list any published strategies, transformation programmes or priority documents currently relevant to:

- Respiratory services –
  - **The PTHB Better Together programme is working across Powys to find ways to keep delivering quality services that best meet the needs of the people of Powys (this includes scheduled care).**
  - **Annual plan.**
- Transplant services – **Not applicable.**
- Rare disease services – **Not applicable.**

Q8. Are any of these services currently subject to financial recovery, service sustainability review, or workforce mitigation activity?

**The health board is under targeted intervention level 4 with Welsh Government for finance, strategy and planning.**

Q9. Are national or regional policy initiatives currently influencing planning in these areas? – **Yes.**

#### Section 4: Respiratory Services

Q10. Are respiratory services currently undergoing pathway review or service redesign (e.g. community respiratory, diagnostics, prevention, or virtual wards)? – **No.**

Q11. Which respiratory disease areas are identified as priorities within current planning documents (if applicable)? - **Not applicable.**

#### Section 5: Rare Disease & Transplant Services

Q12. How are rare diseases and transplant services overseen within your organisation (e.g. specialist pathways, regional networks, named leads, or national commissioning arrangements)? - **Not applicable.**

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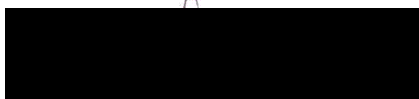
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Yours sincerely

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