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Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request received on 11 August 2026, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require but 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 each question individually.

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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26. To help with this request, where information is already published in Board papers, annual accounts, audit reports or other public documents, I am happy to receive links, document references or summaries instead of duplicate copies.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies where information is already reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. This is an absolute exemption and is not subject to the public interest test. PTHB has applied section 21 to the relevant information requested in questions 1-4, 6, 8 and 10. In accordance with our duty to provide advice and assistance under section 16, links and references to the relevant published sources are provided below and against each question:

- [Annual Reports, Annual Accounts and Annual Quality Statements - Powys Teaching Health Board \(2015-2026\)](#)
- [Finance and Performance Committee \(previously Delivery and Performance Committee\) - Powys Teaching Health Board \(2025-2026\)](#)
- [Archive Committee Papers - Delivery and Performance Committee - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)
- [Strategies and Plans - Powys Teaching Health Board \(2016-2026\)](#)

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- [**Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee - Powys Teaching Health Board \(2025-2026\)**](#)
- [**Archive Committee Papers - Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee - Powys Teaching Health Board \(2020- 2025\)**](#)

If, after reviewing the information provided and the published sources referenced, you consider that a specific part of your request has not been addressed, you may submit a further request identifying the specific information you are seeking.

Q1. Annual Budget

Please provide:

- Total annual budget.
- Original approved budget.
- Revised budget, where applicable.

Please refer to Note 2.1 of PTHB's Annual Accounts for each financial year requested, accessible through the link above.

Q2. Annual Expenditure

Please provide:

- Total annual expenditure.
- Final outturn for each financial year.

Please refer to Note 2.1 of PTHB's Annual Accounts for each financial year requested, accessible through the link above.

Q3. Annual Deficit, Overspend or Underspend

Please provide:

- Any annual deficit, overspend or underspend.
- The amount involved.
- Any recovery plans or actions taken.

Please refer to Annual Accounts (Note 2.1) and Annual Finance and Performance and Delivery and Performance Committee reports presented to the Board accessible through the link above.

Q4. Audit Wales and Welsh Government Findings

Please provide details of any:

- Audit Wales concerns.
- Audit Wales recommendations.
- Welsh Government concerns.
- Welsh Government recommendations.
- Financial or governance warnings.

Please provide links, references, summaries or copies where available.

Audit Wales reports and recommendations relating to PTHB are publicly available through the Audit Wales publications website: [Publication | Audit Wales**](#). Relevant audit findings, recommendations, management responses and governance matters may also be recorded in PTHB's**

Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee papers and minutes, available through the links above.

PTHB's Annual Plans set out the organisation's response to Welsh Government planning requirements and, where applicable, include relevant feedback, escalation arrangements and required actions.

PTHB does not hold a separate centrally maintained record categorised as "financial or governance warnings". Please note that under the NHS Wales Escalation Framework, PTHB is at Level 4 for Finance, Strategy and Planning. [NHS Wales escalation and intervention arrangements | GOV.WALES](https://gov.wales/nhs-wales-escalation-and-intervention-arrangements)

Q5. Regional Spending

Please provide details of budget allocation and spending in:

- Newtown.
- Welshpool.
- Montgomeryshire.
- Powys as a whole.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown by service, programme or project.

PTHB does not record, account for or report expenditure by the geographical areas listed in the request. Consequently, PTHB does not hold a breakdown by Newtown, Welshpool or Montgomeryshire in the form requested. Information showing total expenditure for PTHB as a whole is published in the Annual Accounts.

Therefore, as these categories do not align with cost centres and budget codes used by PTHB, to answer this question would require an extensive manual trawl of individual expenditure over the requested time period. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Q6. Spending Categories

Please provide the amount spent and percentage of total expenditure for:

- Wages and salaries.
- Senior management and leadership.
- Public relations.
- Marketing and communications.
- Consultancy.
- Venue hire.
- Contractors.
- Travel and subsistence.
- Legal fees.
- Awards and recognition schemes.

PTHB does not routinely categorise or report expenditure at the level of detail specified in the request. However, Note 3.3 of the Annual Accounts contains expenditure information for some of the listed

categories and is publicly available through the link above. Section 21 therefore applies to that published information. PTHB does not hold a single consolidated breakdown showing the amount and percentage of total expenditure for every category listed.

Therefore, as these categories do not align with cost centres and budget codes used by PTHB, to answer this question would require an extensive manual trawl of individual expenditure over the requested time period. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Q7. Cancelled, Abandoned or Uncompleted Projects

Please provide details of projects that were cancelled, abandoned, withdrawn or not completed.

For each project, please provide:

- Name of project.
- Approved budget.
- Amount spent.
- Reason recorded for cancellation or non-completion.

The terms “cancelled”, “abandoned”, “withdrawn” and “not completed” are broad and are not defined by reference to a particular service, programme, project type or financial threshold. PTHB does not maintain a single central register containing all projects falling within these descriptions together with the requested budget, expenditure and reason for non-completion.

Q8. Expenditure Subject to Audit or Review

Please provide details of expenditure identified through audits, reviews or investigations as representing:

- Poor value for money.
- Weak financial control.
- Unnecessary expenditure.
- Expenditure requiring corrective action.

Please provide links, references, summaries or copies where available.

Internal and external audit reports are published within PTHB’s Audit, Risk and Assurance Committee papers and are therefore exempt under section 21 as they are reasonably available via other means. PTHB does not maintain a separate central record categorising expenditure using the descriptions “poor value for money”, “weak financial control”, “unnecessary expenditure” or “requiring corrective action”. Any relevant findings would be recorded in the individual audit reports and associated committee papers available via the links above.

Q9. Legacy Issues

Please provide details of any financial, governance, contractual or operational issues originating during 2019–2020 that continued to affect budgets, expenditure, financial planning or service delivery between 2021 and 2026.

PTHB does not maintain a single central record of issues originating in 2019–2020 that continued to affect budgets, expenditure, financial planning or service delivery during the period specified. Any such matters recorded as part of formal governance arrangements would be contained in the relevant Board or committee papers and published through the links above.

If you are seeking information about a particular issue, contract, service or programme, please provide further details so that PTHB can identify whether relevant recorded information is held.

Q10. Supporting Information

Please identify any relevant:

- Audit reports.
- Board papers.
- Committee reports.
- Financial reports.
- Recovery plans.
- Risk register entries.

Please provide links, references, summaries or copies where available.

Relevant published information is available through the links provided above, including Annual Reports and Accounts, Board and committee papers, Annual Plans, and Audit Wales publications. Section 21 applies to this published information. PTHB has not identified any additional centrally held document falling within the categories listed beyond the sources referenced in this response.

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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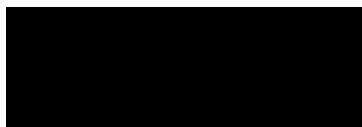
All information supplied by the Health Board in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015.

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.