



GIG
CYMRU
NHS
WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd
Addysgu Powys
Powys Teaching
Health Board

Information Governance Team
Monnow Ward
Bronllys Hospital
Bronllys
Brecon
Powys LD3 0LY

Email: Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk
Tel: 01686 252170 / 01874 442071

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.344.26

7 September 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 14 August 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, I would be grateful for the following from Powys Teaching Health Board, covering financial years 2021/22 to 2025/26.

I am trying to establish one simple thing: how many NHS-funded cataract procedures the board delivers each year, and what proportion of those are delivered by an independent sector provider rather than by the board's own teams.

Self-pay private activity is out of scope. A nil answer is genuinely useful, so please confirm nil rather than leaving a section blank.

Q1. Total activity

For each financial year, the total number of NHS-funded cataract procedures performed by the health board at its own facilities, counted per eye. - **Please see the table below:**

Year	Number of NHS-funded cataract procedures performed by PTHB at its own facilities
2021-2022	635
2022-2023	725
2023-2024	583
2024-2025	564
2025-2026	473

Pencadlys
Tŷ Glasbury, Ysbyty Bronllys,
Aberhonddu, Powys LD3 0LU
Ffôn: 01874 711661

Headquarters
Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital
Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU
Tel: 01874 711661

Q2. Outsourcing — procedures delivered by an independent sector provider at the provider's own premises

For each financial year and each provider:

- provider name
- number of NHS-funded cataract procedures, counted per eye
- total expenditure paid to that provider

Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has not used outsourcing arrangements for the provision of NHS-funded cataract procedures during the period covered by this request.

Q3. Insourcing — procedures delivered by an external clinical team working at the board's own sites

For each financial year and each provider:

- provider name
- number of cataract procedures delivered
- total expenditure paid to that provider

PTHB has used and continues to use Medinet Clinical Services to provide insourced ophthalmology services at Health Board sites. Insourced ophthalmology activity, including cataract surgery lists, was delivered during 2025-2026 (from February 2026) and has continued throughout 2026-2027 to date.

During this period, Medinet Clinical Services delivered 138 NHS-funded cataract procedures on behalf of the Health Board. The total expenditure paid to Medinet was £41,363.

Q4. Current procurement

Whether any cataract outsourcing or insourcing contract or call-off is currently planned or in active procurement.

PTHB is currently utilising Medinet Clinical Services to deliver insourced ophthalmology (cataract) activity. No active procurement exercise for cataract insourcing or outsourcing services is being undertaken at the date of this response.

If the board holds this data in a different shape, please answer in the format that reflects how it is actually recorded and tell me what that is. If any part would take the request over the cost limit, please treat the parts as severable, answer what you can, and let me know which part caused the problem so I can narrow it.

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/>

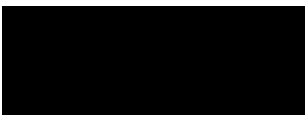
Re-use of Public Sector Information

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.

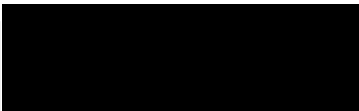
Under the terms of the Regulations, the Health Board will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms 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



Hywel Pullen
Deputy Director of Finance



David Farnsworth
Assistant Director, Community Services Group

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.