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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 for information which was received on 17 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding changes to NHS services provided or commissioned by Powys Teaching Health Board over the past ten years. Period requested: 17 August 2016 to 17 August 2026.

I would like information covering all NHS services provided or commissioned by Powys Teaching Health Board, including hospital, community, mental health, primary care-related, diagnostic, therapeutic, outpatient, inpatient, rehabilitation, maternity, children's and other clinical services within the Health Board's remit. For each service where information is held, please provide:

Q1. Service reductions or discontinuations

Please identify any service which, during the period above:

- was permanently closed or discontinued;
- was temporarily suspended;
- had its opening hours reduced;
- had the number of clinics/sessions provided reduced;
- had the number of days per week it operated reduced;
- had its geographical coverage reduced;
- had its capacity reduced;
- had the number of patients it could accommodate reduced;
- had staffing or clinical capacity reduced in a way which resulted in a reduction in service provision; or

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- was transferred, withdrawn or otherwise ceased to be provided directly by Powys Teaching Health Board.

For each change, please provide, where this information is held:

- Name of service;
- Location(s) affected;
- Date the change took effect;
- Whether the change was temporary or permanent;
- Description of the change;
- Level of provision before the change;
- Level of provision after the change;
- Reason for the change;
- Whether the change was subject to formal consultation;
- Whether the change was approved by the Board or another relevant decision-making body; and
- Any recorded savings or financial impact associated with the change.

Q2. New or expanded services

For comparison, please provide the same information for services which, during the period above:

- were newly introduced;
- were reopened following a previous closure or suspension;
- had their opening hours increased;
- had their capacity increased;
- had their geographical coverage expanded; or
- otherwise experienced a material increase in provision.

Q3. Overall records of service changes

Please provide any reports, reviews, assessments, Board papers, committee papers, consultation documents or other existing records held by Powys Teaching Health Board which identify or summarise:

- closures or reductions in NHS services;
 - significant changes to NHS service provision;
 - service transformation programmes;
 - service rationalisation;
 - reductions in clinical capacity; or
 - increases or expansions in service provision
- during the period 17 August 2016 to 17 August 2026.

Q4. Summary information

If Powys Teaching Health Board holds any existing document, database, spreadsheet, report or other record which provides an overall list or summary of changes to service provision during this period, please provide this in its existing format, preferably electronically.

I am particularly interested in information that allows service provision in 2026 to be compared with provision in 2016.

I would prefer the information to be provided electronically, and where information is held in spreadsheet/database format, I would be grateful if it could be supplied in its original format, such as Excel or CSV.

I understand that the Health Board is only required to provide information that it already holds and that some information may be subject to exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act.

If any individual element of this request is considered likely to exceed the appropriate cost limit, please provide advice on how the request could be narrowed or prioritised rather than treating the entire request as exceeding the cost limit.

Please also identify any information which you consider is already available through your publication scheme or disclosure log and provide the relevant link or reference.

Powys Response:

Powys Teaching Health Board does not hold a single central record, database, spreadsheet or report which captures all service reductions, closures, suspensions, expansions or other changes to service provision across the period 17 August 2016 to 17 August 2026.

The Health Board's records relating to service change are held across a range of services, reports, committee papers and operational records. To establish whether information is held for each element of this request would require a review of a significant volume of records across multiple service areas and committees over a ten-year period.

On that basis, PTHB considers that compliance with the request as currently framed would exceed the appropriate cost limit set out under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Health Board is therefore unable to provide a full response to the request in its current form. Should you wish to refine your request, please resubmit your questions and we will consider them.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance, some of the requested information may already be publicly available via our website. You may find the Board and Committee meetings and papers, Annual Reports, Annual Accounts and Annual Quality Reports, Annual Plans, Better Together Programme information and other key documents helpful in relation to your request.

- [Board Meetings - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) (2025-2026)
- [Archive Board Papers - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) (2020-2025)
- [Powys Teaching Health Board Committees - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) (2020-2026)
- [Annual Reports, Annual Accounts and Annual Quality Statements - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) (2015-2026)
- [Strategies and Plans - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) (2016-2026)
- [Better Together - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)
- [Key Documents - 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/>

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.

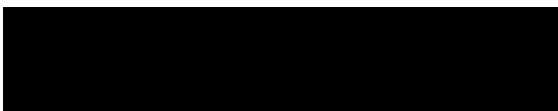
Under the terms of the Regulations, the Health Board will licence the re-use of any or all information supplied if being used in a form and for the purpose other than which it was originally supplied. This license for re-use will be in line with the requirements of the Regulations and the licensing terms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



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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.