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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) does not hold the information that you require. 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 request information about access to clinical trials and specialist services for patients with primary brain tumours living within the Powys Teaching Health Board area. Please provide:

Q1. A list of all interventional primary brain-tumour clinical trials currently available through Powys Teaching Health Board.

Q2. For each financial year from 2021/22 to 2025/26:

- the number of Powys residents recruited to a primary brain-tumour clinical trial;
- the number recruited at a centre elsewhere in Wales;
- the number referred to or recruited at a centre in England or elsewhere in the UK.

Q3. Where recorded, please break these figures down by tumour type, including glioblastoma, recruiting centre and the patient's area of Powys.

Q4. A list of specialist neuro-oncology and brain-tumour services routinely accessed by Powys patients outside the Health Board area.

Q5. Please identify whether patients from different parts of Powys are normally referred to different specialist centres and provide the applicable referral arrangements.

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Q6. Copies of the current pathways, protocols or commissioning arrangements governing access to:

- specialist neurosurgery;
- specialist neuro-oncology;
- molecular or genomic testing;
- second clinical opinions;
- experimental treatments and clinical trials outside Powys.

Q7. Details of how potentially eligible Powys patients are identified and considered for clinical trials unavailable locally, including the role of multidisciplinary teams and cross-border clinical networks.

Q8. Details of any funding or prior-approval process required before a Powys patient can enter a clinical trial or receive specialist treatment elsewhere in Wales or England.

Q9. The number of requests to fund cross-border specialist brain-tumour treatment or trial participation made, approved, and refused in each of the five financial years.

Q10. Details of any assistance available with travel, accommodation or other additional costs incurred by Powys patients accessing specialist centres or trials.

Q11. Any audit, review or equality assessment concerning geographical access to brain-tumour trials and specialist neuro-oncology care for patients living in Powys.

Powys Response:

Research activity across NHS Wales is supported and coordinated through Health and Care Research Wales (HCRW). We understand that this request was also submitted directly to HCRW. As Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) host HCRW, PTHB have provided a response under FOI.356.26.

Specialist commissioning arrangements relating to clinical trials are the responsibility of the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC). You may wish to contact NWJCC via NWJCC.Governance@wales.nhs.uk

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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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.