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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 20 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):

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

Q1. How many open referral-to-treatment pathways for Powys-registered patients currently have a waiting time of more than 104 weeks at NHS providers in Shropshire and Herefordshire? – **The latest available data held by PTHB, as of June 2026, shows that 7 pathways at Wye Valley NHS Trust (Herefordshire) had been waiting for more than 104 weeks. There were no pathways exceeding 104 weeks at Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (Shropshire). There are 138 pathways in Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital (RJA) waiting for more than 104 weeks.**

Q2. For each of the last five years, including the current year to date, how many referral-to-treatment pathways for Powys-registered patients have exceeded a waiting time of 104 weeks at NHS providers in Shropshire and Herefordshire?

Please see below table:

Wye Valley NHS Trust	
Year	Count
2022	21
2023	0
2024	<5*
2025	<5*

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Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	
Year	Count
2022	0
2023	0
2024	0
2025	<5*
2026 to date	0

Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital	
Year	Count
2022	30
2023	16
2024	46
2025	132
2026 to date	141

***PTHB is unable to provide these exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). PTHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of UK GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.**

Q3. How many open referral-to-treatment pathways for Powys-registered patients currently have a waiting time of more than 52 weeks at NHS providers in Shropshire and Herefordshire? - As of June 2026, there were 376 waiting over 52 weeks in Wye Valley NHS Trust and 95 in Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust and 1104 in RJA (inclusive of those also waiting over 104 weeks).

Q4. For each of the last five years, including the current year to date, how many referral-to-treatment pathways for Powys-registered patients have exceeded a waiting time of 52 weeks at NHS providers in Shropshire and Herefordshire?

Please see below table.

Wye Valley NHS Trust	
Calendar Year	Count
2022	215
2023	268
2024	184
2025	239
2026 to date	376

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	
Year	Count
2022	412
2023	332
2024	526
2025	563
2026 to date	179

Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital	
Calendar Year	Count
2022	463
2023	429
2024	658
2025	1068
2026 to date	1150

Q5. How many open referral-to-treatment pathways for Powys-registered patients currently have a waiting time of more than 36 weeks at NHS providers in Shropshire and Herefordshire? - **As of June 2026, there were 803 waiting over 36 weeks in Wye Valley NHS Trust and 435 in Shrewsbury and Telford NHS Trust and 1714 in RJAH (inclusive of those also waiting in the over 52 and 104 weeks categories).**

Q6. For each of the last five years, including the current year to date, how many referral-to-treatment pathways for Powys-registered patients have exceeded a waiting time of 36 weeks at NHS providers in Shropshire and Herefordshire? Please provide the figures broken down by year and, if held, by NHS provider.

Please see below table.

Wye Valley NHS Trust	
Calendar Year	Count
2022	730
2023	837
2024	670
2025	751
2026 to date	816

Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	
Year	Count
2022	954
2023	842
2024	1525
2025	1601
2026 to date	669

Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital	
Calendar Year	Count
2022	899

2023	959
2024	1240
2025	1681
2026 to date	1803

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

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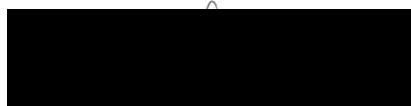
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Yours sincerely



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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.