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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 21 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 you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

Pre-biopsy prostate MRI is central to accurate prostate cancer diagnosis, helping to reduce unnecessary biopsies and improve detection of clinically significant disease. However, rising incidence, growing demand for MRI within diagnostic and screening pathways, and evidence of variable image quality are placing increasing pressure on NHS services - threatening equitable access and consistent diagnostic performance.

The last national assessment of prostate MRI capacity was conducted in 2019. PROACTIVE aims to address this gap by evaluating current NHS capacity and quality, and implementing a structured improvement programme to support equitable, high-quality prostate cancer imaging nationwide.

This questionnaire forms the first phase of the study. To ensure a complete national picture, data are being collected via a Freedom of Information request. This approach has been chosen to maximise response rates and ensure no trust is inadvertently excluded from the assessment. Responses will inform national recommendations only - no individual institution will be identified or singled out.

Please use the following link to provide the information:

<https://redcap.link/PROACTIVECapacityAuditFOI>

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Alternatively, we are happy for you to send us the following information via email at ranya.kumar@ucl.ac.uk. The RedCap form would be our preferred method of reply if at all possible please.

Trust Details

- Trust full name:
- Trust address:
- Trust postcode:

Scanner Inventory

Q1. How many MRI scanners are used for prostate imaging at your Trust? (N):
(For each scanner)

- Manufacturer:
- Scanner Model:
- Scanner magnetic field strength (T):

Q2. What year was the scanner manufactured?:

Q3. What year was the scanner software last updated?:

Q4. Is this scanner a permanent or mobile unit?:

Q5. Is this scanner PIRADS v2.1 compliant?:

Q6. If ☐NO ☐i⁻, why is this scanner PIRADS v2.1 non-compliant? (Example: lack of high b-value ($\geq 1,400$ sec/mm²) image set):

Q7. Is an endorectal coil used with this scanner?:

Q8. If ☐YES ☐i⁻, please describe the endorectal coil used with this scanner (Example: DxTx Medical, eCoil):

Q9. Are any AI-based reconstruction or acquisition acceleration techniques used with this MRI scanner? (Example: No / Yes, vendor-provided / Yes, third-party AI software / Other):

Q10. If ☐Other ☐i⁻, please describe:

Q11. What is the full time slot that you dedicate to a multiparametric prostate MRI scan, including set-up, patient preparation time, imaging sequences, and patient turnaround? (X minutes):

Q12. What is the full time slot (minutes) that you dedicate to a biparametric prostate MRI scan, including set-up, patient preparation time, imaging sequences, and patient turnaround? (X minutes):

Supplementary Imaging Techniques

Q13. Do you use an antispasmodic during prostate MRI imaging?:

Q14. If i®YESi⁻, please describe your antispasmodic drug, route of administration and dose (Example: Hyoscine butylbromide, intramuscular, 20mg):

Q15. Do you use any bowel preparation before prostate MRI imaging?:

Q16. If i®YESi⁻, please describe your method of bowel preparation (Example: Rectal enema):

Q17. Do you currently use an AI algorithm (commercial or academic) as part of your clinical workflow for prostate MRI reporting?:

Q18. If i®YESi⁻, please describe which algorithm(s) is currently being used (Example: Pi - Lucida Medical):
Capacity

Q19. How many prostate MRIs were performed at the Trust in the last 3 months?

Q20. In the past 3 months, what proportion(%) of these scans were biparametric?

Q21. How many prostate MRIs were performed at the Trust in 2025?

Q22. In 2025, what proportion(%) of these scans were biparametric?

Q23. How many prostate MRIs were performed at the Trust in 2024?

Q24. In 2024, what proportion(%) of these scans were biparametric?

Q25. How many prostate MRIs were performed at the Trust in 2023?

Q26. In 2023, what proportion(%) of these scans were biparametric?

Workforce

Q27. How many radiologists report prostate MRIs at your Trust? (N):
(For each radiologist)

Q28. How many prostate MRIs does radiologist X report per year?

Q29. How many years of experience does radiologist X have in reporting prostate MRIs?

Access

Q30. Based on the last 3 months, what is the mean wait time (days) for patients to receive an MRI having been referred onto the 2-week suspected prostate cancer pathway? (Duration from date of referral to date of scan in days):

Q31. Based on the last 3 months, what is the mean wait time (days) for prostate MRI interpretation by a radiologist? (Duration from date of scan to date of report in days):

Powys Response:

Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, we do not have District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county. Our residents access their acute and specialist services in DGH provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have MRI scanners; therefore, this is a nil 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/>

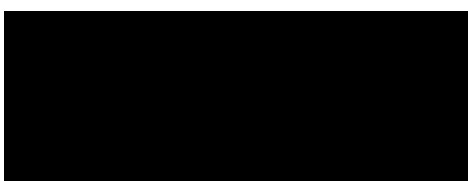
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All information supplied by the Health Board in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015.

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



Elaine Lorton

Executive Director of Primary Community Care and Mental Health

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.