

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.047.26

2 March 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 03 February 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. 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):

This request relates to access to NHS dermatology services and waiting times for patients with skin conditions. We are seeking comparable data across NHS Trusts/Boards to understand variation in waiting times and service pressure.

Please provide the following information for your Trust/Board, covering the last five financial years where available (2019/20 - 2024/25).

Dermatology Waiting Times and Access Indicators

For each financial year listed above, please provide:

Q1a. Referral-to-Treatment (RTT) elective waiting-time indicators for dermatology services, if held:

- Median RTT waiting time (in weeks)
- Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks (at year-end)
- Number of patients waiting over 52 weeks (at year-end)

Please see the table below for Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) response. Please Note:

- **Median weeks wait is the median final Referral-to-Treatment (RTT) wait time of patients who were treated within the financial year. This is different from median wait times published by Stats Wales which represent the median wait of those still waiting at the census date and thus does not provide an accurate reflection of the final wait.**
- **2019-2020 - data is not available**

- **2020-2021 - data is not available**
- **2021-2022 - data is not available**
- **2022-2023 - data is from 31/05/2022 only**

Financial Year	Median Weeks Wait to RTT clock stop	Number waiting over 18 weeks at year end	Number waiting over 52 weeks at year end
2022-2023	13	4	0
2023-2024	18	18	0
2024-2025	14	21	0

Q1b. Outpatient dermatology access, if held:

- Median waiting time for a first outpatient dermatology appointment (in weeks)
- Total number of patients on the dermatology outpatient waiting list at year-end.

Where possible, please indicate whether data are available broken down by:

- New vs follow-up appointments
- Sub-specialties within dermatology (e.g. inflammatory skin disease, skin cancer, paediatric dermatology), if routinely recorded

Financial Year	New Outpatient Appointment		Follow Up Outpatient Appointment	
	Median Weeks Wait to first appointment	Number waiting at year-end	Median Weeks Wait to follow up appointment	Number waiting at year-end
2019-2020	19	Not available	17	Not available
2020-2021	20	Not available	17	Not available
2021-2022	11	Not available	16	200
2022-2023	13	62	12	198
2023-2024	18	130	21	147
2024-2025	15	124	20	170

- **New outpatient appointments median weeks wait is calculated from the difference between date referral received and first appointment (the clock reset for patient cancellations and patients who did not attend their appointments).**
- **New outpatient appointment number waiting at year end is taken from the RTT end of year snapshot where pathway stage = new outpatient appointment.**
- **Follow Up outpatient appointment median weeks wait is calculated from the difference between the first appointment and first follow up appointment.**
- **Follow Up outpatient appointment number waiting at year end is taken from the Follow Up waiting list end of year snapshot.**
- **Sub-specialty data is not recorded**

Access to Dermatology Care and Capacity (If Held)

For each year listed above, please provide:

Q2. The total number of consultant dermatologists employed by the Trust/Board (headcount or FTE, whichever is standard) – **I can confirm that that PTHB does not employ any consultant dermatologists.**

Q3. Whether the Trust/ Board commissions or provides specialist dermatology services. - **A Dermatology clinic is held once a month in Llandrindod Wells Memorial Hospital.**

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who 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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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.