

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.055.26

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 6 February 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 investigating demand for Clinical Wheelchair Services (WCS) across the UK. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/2002, I would like to request the following information relating to the usage of each of this service in your area of authority.

Q1. How is funding and contracting for WCS structured within your health board, and is there any other proportion of funding that is supplied by local authorities or other bodies?

Q2. What is the total budget allocated for WCS services for the current financial year, and what is the planned budget for the next financial year - if this is not known, can you provide a percentage estimate of whether it will be higher, lower, or unchanged compared with the current budget?

Q3. What was the total expenditure (£) on WCS services for each of the last three financial years?

Q4. What proportion of expenditure was on outsourced (i.e. independent sector) service providers for each of the last three financial years?

Q5. Which independent providers did you use for WCS services in the last financial year, and what value of total spending was with each provider? For example, NRS Healthcare, Millbrook Healthcare, Ross Care, AJM Healthcare, Blatchford, Opcare.

Powys Response:

Q1 – Q5. In Wales the commissioning of Clinical Wheelchair Services (WCS) is undertaken by the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) on behalf of the seven Health Boards. The JCC commissions these services from Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and Swansea Bay University Health Board. These University Health Boards provide the All-Wales Posture and Mobility Service. Therefore, we do not hold this information within Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB).

In our duty to advise and assist under Section 16, further information on the All-Wales Posture and Mobility Service can be found via:

- [Wheelchair Service](#)
- [Joint Commissioning Committee -Commissioning Policy: CP59: Posture and Mobility Services for Children, Young People and Adults.](#)

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

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

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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.