

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.076.26

10 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 17 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):

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

Q1. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission a Prosthetic service? - **No.**

Q2. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide or commission an Orthotic service for patients? - **Yes.**

Q3a. If you answered Yes to Question 1: Is your Prosthetic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider? - **Not Applicable.**

Q3b. If you answered Yes to Question 2: Is your Orthotic service delivered in-house (i.e. directly employed NHS staff) or is it contracted out to an external provider? - **Contracted out to external provider.**

Q4. Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning analysis for your Allied Health Professional (AHP) workforce? - **Yes.**

Q5a. If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Prosthetic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)? - **Not Applicable. We do not provide a Prosthetic service.**

Q5b. If you answered Yes to Question 4: Does your AHP workforce planning specifically include your Orthotic service workforce (whether in-house or contracted)? – **No.**

Q6a. If your Prosthetic service is contracted out (as indicated in Question 3a): Does your Trust/Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Prosthetic service? – **Not Applicable.**

Q6b. If your Orthotic service is contracted out (as indicated in Question 3b): Does your Trust/ Health Board carry out workforce planning for the contracted Orthotic service? – **Not Applicable; Orthotic services are provided by an external provider.**

Q7a. If you answered Yes to Question 6a: How does your Trust/Health Board collate workforce planning data from the contracted Prosthetic service provider? Please describe the process, including the frequency of data collection and what data is gathered. – **Not Applicable.**

Q7b. If you answered Yes to Question 6b: How does your Trust/Health Board collate workforce planning data from the contracted Orthotic service provider? Please describe the process, including the frequency of data collection and what data is gathered. – **Not Applicable.**

Q8. If your Trust/Health Board does not carry out workforce planning for its Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services (whether in-house or contracted), please explain what steps you are taking to secure the prosthetic and/orthotic workforce pipeline. – **This is managed under an all-Wales contract.**

Q9. Does your Trust/Health Board include data from its Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services (whether in-house or contracted) in any workforce returns submitted to NHS England, NHS Wales, NHS Scotland, or equivalent national workforce planning bodies? – **No.**

Q10. Please provide the current whole time equivalent (WTE) staffing establishment for your Prosthetic and/or Orthotic services, broken down by:

(a) Prosthetists – **0.**

(b) Orthotists – **0.2 whole time equivalent externally contracted staff via a Service Level Agreement**

(c) Prosthetic/Orthotic Technicians - **0.**

(d) Prosthetic/Orthotic support workers - **0.**

(e) Please indicate whether each figure relates to in-house or contracted staff

Definitions and Clarifications

For the purposes of this request:

- Prosthetic service refers to the provision of artificial limbs and associated clinical rehabilitation services to patients following amputation or with limb absence.
- Orthotic service refers to the provision of orthoses (external devices such as braces, splints, and insoles) and associated clinical services to patients with musculoskeletal, neurological, or other conditions.

- In-house means the service is delivered by staff directly employed by your Trust/Health Board.
- Contracted means the service is delivered under a contract with an external provider (e.g. a private prosthetic or orthotic company) who directly employ the prosthetists and/or orthotists.
- Workforce planning refers to any systematic analysis of current and future workforce requirements, including assessment of vacancies, skill mix, succession planning, retirement profiles, and demand modelling.
- WTE means Whole Time Equivalent, reflecting the proportion of full-time hours worked.

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:

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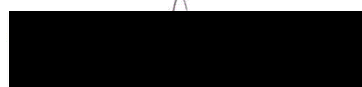
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Yours sincerely



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