

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.033.26

16 February 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 23 January 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:

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

I am a Powys resident [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It appears that patients from Powys have to wait 104 weeks before cataract surgery can take place. In December 2025 Powys Health Board state that cataract surgery will be completed in 104 weeks.

Can you please confirm:-

Q1. Powys residents have to wait 104 weeks for surgery at Hereford Hospital as specified by Powys Health Teaching Board?

Q2. That this is a directive from NHS Wales?

Q3. The patients in Gwent do not have to wait 104 weeks but seen before this time?

Powys Response:

Q1 & Q2. Powys residents may wait up to a maximum of 104 weeks for planned treatment in line with NHS Wales national maximum waiting-time target of 104 weeks for planned care.

From July 2025, Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) applied these NHS Wales waiting-time rules to all planned care, to include treatment provided in English hospitals. This decision was made in response to financial pressures and expectations set by the Welsh Government. Further details, should you wish to access them, are available on our public facing website in the [Frequently asked Questions - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) and [Information about Waiting Times - Powys Teaching Health Board](#) on the PTHB website.

Q3. I can confirm that PTHB does not hold this data. You may wish to contact Aneurin Bevan University Health Board for their current waiting times. Their contact details are: [FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk)

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

Complaints Portal: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints)

Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

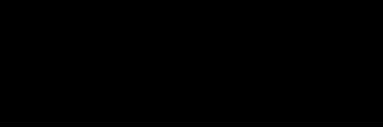
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Yours sincerely



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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.