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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 08 July 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):

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding MRI scanners and helium use across your organisation. I am carrying out research to better understand how helium is used in MRI systems across the UK healthcare sector. To estimate this, I am looking to understand where MRI scanners are located, how many are in use, what type/model of systems they are, and how frequently they are used. Please could you provide the following information for all MRI scanners currently operated by, or used by, your organisation:

- Q1. The hospital/site where each MRI scanner is located.
- Q2. The number of MRI scanners at each hospital/site.
- Q3. Whether each scanner is fixed, mobile or operated through a managed/third-party service.
- Q4. The manufacturer and model of each scanner, where available.
- Q5. Whether each scanner is a conventional helium-cooled system, low-helium system, zero boil-off / helium-recirculating system, or helium-free system, where known.
- Q6. The number of MRI scans/examinations carried out in the latest available year, broken down by hospital/site if available.

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

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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/>

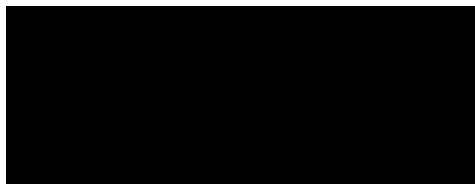
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All information supplied by the Health Board in answering a request for information (RFI) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 will be subject to the terms of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015.

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

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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.