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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 15 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 hold 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 make a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information regarding outpatient gastroenterology referrals and endoscopy waiting times within your Health Board. Specifically, I would like to request the following data:

Q1. Outpatient Gastroenterology Waiting Times

PTHB does not provide a dedicated Gastroenterology Consultant service. Gastroenterology referrals are accepted and managed within General Medicine. As gastroenterology-specific pathways cannot be separately identified from the data held, the response below relates to General Medicine as a whole.

a. What is the current average (median and mean) waiting time, in weeks, for a patient to be seen for an initial outpatient appointment after being referred to a gastroenterologist? –

For the period July 2025 - June 2026:

- **Mean 10 weeks**
- **Median 9 weeks**

b. How many patients are currently on the waiting list for a first outpatient gastroenterology appointment? – **There are currently 7 patients on the waiting list.**

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- c. Of those currently waiting, what is the number of patients who have been waiting:
- 0 to 26 weeks? - **7**
 - 26 to 36 weeks? - **0**
 - 36 to 52 weeks? - **0**
 - More than 52 weeks? - **0**

Q2. Endoscopy Waiting Times

a. What is the current average (median and mean) waiting time, in weeks, for a patient to undergo a gastroscopy procedure once the procedure has been requested? - **For the period July 2025 - June 2026, the waiting times were:**

- **Mean 3 weeks**
- **Median 3 weeks**

b. How many patients are currently on the waiting list for an endoscopy procedure? - **As at 30 June 2026 there were 9 patients on the waiting list for an endoscopy procedure. This includes gastroscopy, colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy.**

- c. Of those currently waiting, what is the number of patients who have been waiting:
- 0 to 8 weeks? (*Note: The Welsh Government target for diagnostic tests is under 8 weeks*) - **9.**
 - 8 to 14 weeks? - **0.**
 - More than 14 weeks? - **0.**

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Address: Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

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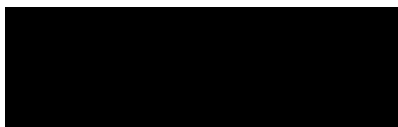
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Yours sincerely



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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.