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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 31 July 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following recorded information for the period 1 January 2021 to the date this request is processed in relation to patients with suspected or confirmed endometriosis.

Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, PTHB does not provide district general hospital services within the county. Powys residents access acute and specialist services through District General Hospitals provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. Surgical and medical management delivered through consultant-led gynaecology clinics, including operative procedures, is therefore not undertaken by PTHB and is provided by these neighbouring organisations.

Please note that information requested in Q1-Q4 is only held from March 2025 onwards in relation to onward referrals from our nurse led endometriosis clinic. No data is held prior to this, as the information was not recorded. A new Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) commenced clinics in March 2025, at which point changes were implemented to the data collection process and recording practices.

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A. Referrals to specialist services

Q1. Please provide the total number of referrals made by your Health Board to specialist tertiary endometriosis services, including BSGE-accredited endometriosis centres. - **Since March 2025, there have been 4 referrals made from the endometriosis nurse-led clinic.**

Q2. Please identify each specialist provider to which referrals were made and provide the number of referrals made to each provider. – **All 4 referrals were made to Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust.**

Q3. For each provider, please provide the number of referrals that were:

- Accepted; - **4**
- declined or rejected; - **0**
- returned requesting further information; and - **0**
- redirected to another provider - **0**

B. Declined or rejected referrals

Q4. Where referrals were declined or rejected, please provide:

- the recorded reason(s) for rejection (grouped into categories where appropriate);
- the number of patients subsequently referred to another specialist provider;
- the number of patients who remained under the care of your Health Board;
- the number of cases where an escalation or appeal process was undertaken.

Not applicable, all referrals were accepted.

Q5. Please provide copies of any policies, standard operating procedures, referral pathways or guidance describing the process to be followed where a referral to a specialist tertiary endometriosis service is declined or rejected. - **PTHB does not hold any policies, standard operating procedures, referral pathways or guidance describing the process to be followed where a referral to a specialist tertiary endometriosis service is declined or rejected. Referrals are based on the patient's clinical information, and the receiving service then determines whether to accept or decline the referral based on the clinical details provided.**

C. Commissioning

Q6. Please provide copies of any commissioning agreements, service specifications, commissioning policies or referral protocols governing referrals from your Health Board to specialist tertiary endometriosis services.

PTHB does not hold any commissioning agreements, service specifications, commissioning policies or referral protocols governing referrals to specialist tertiary endometriosis services.

Q7. Please identify which specialist tertiary endometriosis services or BSGE-accredited centres your Health Board currently commissions or routinely refers patients to.

- **Cardiff and Vale University Health Board**
- **Swansea Endometriosis Centre, Swansea Bay University Health Board**
- **Worcester Acute Hospitals NHS Trust**

D. Surgical pathways

Q8. Please provide any recorded documents describing:

- the criteria used to determine whether endometriosis surgery is undertaken locally or referred to a tertiary centre;
- the criteria used to determine referral for complex excision surgery.

Not applicable. All surgical management is provided by neighbouring health boards. The table below lists the main health boards and NHS Trust from which we commission health services for Powys residents. Please note that all providers may not necessarily offer services that fall within the definition in your request.

Health Trust/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	ghn-tr.foi@nhs.net
Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	FOI@mpft.nhs.uk
The Robert Jones Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	rjah.foi@nhs.net
Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust	swb-tr.SWBH-GM-FOIRequests@nhs.net
The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	sath.foi@nhs.net
The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust	rwh-tr.foi@nhs.net
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	wah-tr.FOI@nhs.net
Wye Valley NHS Trust	Freedom.Information@wvt.nhs.uk

Health Board/Organisation	FOI Contact Details
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	FOI.ABB@wales.nhs.uk
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk
Cardiff & Vale University Health Board	FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	CTM.FreedomOfInformation@wales.nhs.uk
Hywel Dda University Health Board	FOI.hyweldda@wales.nhs.uk
Swansea Bay University Health Board	FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
Velindre University NHS Trust	Foi.vunhst@wales.nhs.uk

Q9. Please define what your Health Board considers to be:

- superficial endometriosis surgery;
- complex endometriosis surgery; and
- “selected complex excisional surgery” (or equivalent terminology if used).

Not applicable. All surgical management is provided by neighbouring health boards.

E. Governance

Q10. Please provide copies of any current:

- clinical pathways;
- referral pathways;
- patient pathways; or

- standard operating procedures relating to the diagnosis, referral and surgical management of endometriosis. - **The nurse-led clinic follows the guidance listed below:**
- [Overview | Endometriosis: diagnosis and management | Guidance | NICE](#)
- [Download Guidelines & Best Practice Information | BSGE](#)

Q11. Please confirm whether your Health Board routinely records the outcome of referrals made to tertiary endometriosis services (for example, accepted, declined, redirected or awaiting decision). If yes, please identify the system in which this information is recorded. **-Yes. This would be recorded in patient records on The Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS).**

Q12. Please provide any audit reports, service evaluations or governance reports relating to tertiary endometriosis referrals produced since 1 January 2021. **PTHB does not hold any audit reports, service evaluations or governance reports relating to tertiary endometriosis referrals.**

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



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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.