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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 12 June 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) Request:

This Freedom of Information (FOI) request is part of a UK-wide service mapping exercise examining national long-term follow-up and late effects services for patients and survivors of primary bone cancer. This study has ethical approval and is led by researchers at the University of Bath and the Bone Cancer Research Trust (BCRT).

We are seeking information that is already recorded and held by your organisation. If the requested information is not held, please indicate this in your response.

To support an accurate and comprehensive response, we kindly ask that this request is reviewed by, or forwarded to, the most appropriate services within your organisation. This may include sarcoma services, as well as paediatric, teenage and young adult (TYA), and adult teams involved in the care of patients with primary bone cancer (for example, oncology, orthopaedic surgery, radiotherapy, bone tumour or surveillance clinics, allied health professionals, endocrinologists etc and any dedicated late effects services).

Responses to this FOI will contribute to a detailed and comprehensive overview of current service provision. This will support our aim to better inform patients and families about the support available to them, as well as to identify any gaps or disparities in access and provision.

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Please find below definitions of long-term follow-up and late effects services for the purposes of this FOI. We recognise that the terms “long-term follow-up” and “late effects service” are sometimes used interchangeably, and their application may vary between organisations.

- Long-term follow-up: Long-term follow-up describes the ongoing clinical reviews required after completion of cancer treatment. Initially, these reviews may include surveillance investigations (e.g. imaging). Over time, once a period of clinical stability is reached, routine imaging may cease; however, follow-up continues. Long-term follow-up includes monitoring for potential late effects of treatment and the management of any issues that arise as a result.
- Late effects service: A late effects service focuses on the assessment and management of health problems that occur months or years after treatment, including those related to surgery, chemotherapy, or radiotherapy. This may be delivered as a distinct service, or as part of a broader long-term follow-up service.
- Late effects monitoring service: A late effects monitoring service provides structured, ongoing surveillance for potential late effects following cancer treatment. This typically involves regular, scheduled reviews and may include investigations (e.g. imaging, blood tests, or functional assessments) to identify late effects early, even in the absence of symptoms.

Q1. Please provide details of the region your NHS Trust/Health Board represent:

Q2. Does your Trust/Health Board currently provide, host, or commission any service(s) that deliver long-term follow-up and/or late effects care for patients previously treated for primary bone cancer?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Q3. If yes, please provide details of the service:

- a. Service name:
- b. Service location:
- c. Website (if available):
- d. This service is best described as a (please indicate):
 - i. Long-term follow-up service
 - ii. Late effects service
 - iii. Late effects monitoring service
 - iv. Combined long-term and late effects service
 - v. No service provided
 - vi. Other (please specify)
 - vii. Don't know

Q4. Please fill in further details of the service:

- a. Referral pathway(s) into service:
- b. Age eligibility:
 - i. Upper age limit:
 - ii. Lower age limit:
 - iii. Or no age restrictions apply
 - iv. Don't know
- c. Geographical radius/catchment area where patients can access service:

Q5. Please specify which patient groups are eligible to access this service (please indicate all that apply):

- a. Paediatric
- b. Teenage and Young Adult (TYA)
- c. Adults
- d. Don't know

Q6. Which treatment intent does this service support?

- a. Radical or curative treatment only
- b. Palliative treatment only
- c. Both radical and palliative treatment
- d. Don't know

Q7. Does your Trust/Health Board permit follow up contact from the research team solely for the purpose of clarifying information provided in this Freedom of Information response?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Q8. If yes, please provide preferred follow-up contact details:

Q9. Does your Trust/Health Board permit the information provided in this request to be used to inform patients about the availability of your long term follow up and/or late effects service for bone cancer survivors? (Information may be shared publicly for patient signposting and awareness purposes via the Bone Cancer Research Trust website).

- a. Yes
- b. No

Powys Response:

Q1. Powys . For further information, please visit our public facing website via [About Powys Teaching Health Board - Powys Teaching Health Board](#)

Q2 - Q6. PTHB does not hold this information. I can confirm that NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (NWJCC) commission services for bone cancer on behalf of all the Welsh Health Boards including PTHB. You may wish to contact them directly for this information [Freedom of Information - NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee](#)

Q7. Yes

Q8. Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk

Q9. See response to questions 2-6 above.

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

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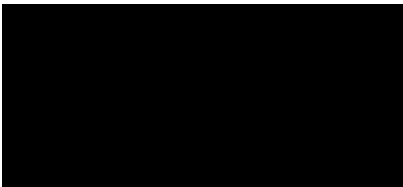
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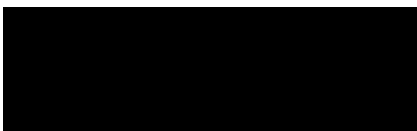
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Yours sincerely



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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.