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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 17 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 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 (if combined response).

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:

I am conducting analysis on the diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease and would be grateful if you could answer the questions below for all relevant activity within the Health Board.

Q1. I would be grateful if you could send the most recent planning document(s) for the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease, whether these are from the Health Board, Integrated Care Board (ICB), or the region. I am particularly interested in planning documents that cover lumbar punctures (CSF) and Blood Biomarker testing - **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) are working to align to the 'All Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards' and plans are informed by this Welsh Government initiative for the treatment of Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. This includes improving diagnostic rates and reducing wait times. Plans to provide intervention groups and prevention messaging are underway. New methods of capturing data have been developed with business intelligence teams to ensure consistent and reliable data is captured.**

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Q2. To what extent are there plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
Implementation of plans has started	Yes
A plan exists and implementation has not started	
A plan is being developed	
There is no plan	
Other – please state	

Q3. Are the plans for service improvement of diagnosing Alzheimer's Disease related to:

	Yes / No
Cognitive assessment services	Yes
Biomarker services	No
None / neither	Not Applicable

Q4. Which of the following services does the Health Board have in place in preparation for increased service delivery for Alzheimer's Disease?

	Related to administration of lumbar punctures	Related to Blood Biomarker testing
Budget	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
People	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Training	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Clinic space / capacity	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Governance arrangements	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Q5. How many lumbar puncture procedures to test for Alzheimer's Disease were performed in the last three-month period for which data are available?

	Number of procedures
Number of lumbar punctures	0

Q6. Please provide the number of BBM tests for Alzheimer's Disease conducted over the last three-months, regardless of whether they were carried out within your organisation or sent to an external pathology laboratory.

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of Blood Biomarker tests	0	0	0

Q7. Which of the following biomarker tests were used to detect Alzheimer's Disease?

	Yes / No
pTau181 immunoassay tests	No
pTau217 immunoassay tests	No

Q8. Please provide a list of the full names of other Trusts or other organisations, to which the Trust refers samples for pTau181 and pTau217 immunoassay testing for Alzheimer's Disease?

Full name of Trust or organisation(s)
Not Applicable

Q9. How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of pTau181 tests	0	0	0

Q10. Is pTau181 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials?

	Yes / No
pTau181 Testing associated with clinical trial activity	Not applicable

Q11. How many pTau181 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial?

Number of pTau181 tests	Not applicable
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Q12. How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted to test for Alzheimer's Disease in the last three-months?

	Number of tests TOTAL	Number of tests NHS patients	Number of tests Private Sector
Number of pTau217 tests	0	0	0

Q13. Is pTau217 testing for Alzheimer's Disease linked to, or conducted in conjunction with, clinical trials?

	Yes / No
pTau217 Testing associated with clinical trial activity	Not applicable

Q14. How many pTau217 immunoassay tests were conducted for Alzheimer's Disease as part of a clinical trial?

Number of pTau217 tests	Not applicable
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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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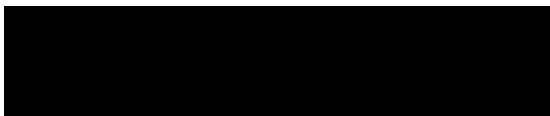
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Yours sincerely



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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.