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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 22 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, but have applied an exemption to elements of this request.

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in connection with procurement reference POW-CP-59433 ("Provision of General Dental Services – Crickhowell"), tendered via Sell2Wales/eTenderwales with an estimated value of £3,200,000 (excl. VAT) over a 120-month term, tender closing 10 September 2025.

1. Please confirm the successful bidder for contract POW-CP-59433, and the date the contract was awarded or signed – **The successful bidder was Black Mountains DC Ltd. The contract was formally awarded on 11 February 2026 (as stated on Sell2Wales - POW-CP-59433).**

2. Please confirm the actual contract value awarded (as opposed to the estimated value stated in the contract notice), and the annual contract value if different from the headline figure – **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is withholding the actual contract value as this is considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial**

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interests of any person (a person maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information because it was felt that, in doing so, it could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the supplier in question by revealing pricing information that could impact future procurement activity.

As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this information.

3. Please confirm the number of patients intended to be served by the awarded contract – **This is a new contract and does not have a historic patient list. For the 2026/27 contract year, the activity metrics indicate that approximately 1,000 new patients will be seen. These patients will be allocated via the Dental Access Portal, alongside provision for approximately 510 urgent patient appointments.**

4. Did the tender specification, evaluation criteria, or the resulting contract include any provision for capital funding, fit-out funding, equipment funding, or premises support to be provided to the successful bidder by Powys Teaching Health Board, NHS Wales, or Welsh Government? Please answer this irrespective of whether such funding has yet been drawn down – **No. The tender documentation, evaluation criteria, and resulting contract did not include any provision for capital funding, fit-out funding, equipment funding, or premises support to be provided by PTHB, NHS Wales, or Welsh Government.**

5. Has any capital grant, fit-out grant, equipment funding, or premises-related funding been paid, approved, or committed to the successful bidder (or any parent, subsidiary, or associated company, including but not limited to Black Mountains DC Ltd, Knights Dental Ltd, or PJJ Property Ltd) in connection with this contract — whether by PTHB directly or via a separate Welsh Government/NHS Wales funding stream such as the Primary Care Capital Fund? **No. The Health Board has not paid, approved, or committed any capital grant, fit-out funding, equipment funding, or premises-related funding to the successful bidder (or any associated organisation) in connection with this contract.**

6. If PTHB does not hold information on funding provided via a separate Welsh Government or NHS Wales scheme, please confirm which body does hold that information – **Not applicable. As no such funding forms part of this contract or has been provided by the Health Board, all relevant information held by PTHB has been addressed above. Any information relating to separate national funding schemes (e.g. Welsh Government Primary Care capital programmes) would be held by the relevant administering body.**

If any funding under Q5 has been provided, approved, or committed, please confirm the total value, the funding stream it was drawn from, and the date of approval – **Not applicable.**

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/>

Re-use of Public Sector Information

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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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.