

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.107.26

17 April 2026

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 11 March 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.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information:

Q1. Numbers of spinal operations and procedures undertaken on an urgent pathway basis during 2023-24; 2024-25; 2025-2026 (monthly figures if available)

Q2. Average waiting times for these urgent cases from referral to treatment - please provide the median wait in weeks and the 90<sup>th</sup> centile wait in weeks (monthly figures if available for years listed above)

Q3. Numbers of trauma and orthopaedic operations and procedures undertaken during 2023-24; 2024-25; 2025-2026 (monthly figures if available)

Q4. Average waiting times for these trauma and orthopaedic operations and procedures from referral to treatment - please provide the median wait in weeks and the 90<sup>th</sup> centile wait in weeks (monthly figures if available for years listed above)

Format of information: If possible, I would prefer to receive this information in email or PDF format. Please provide as much of the information requested (even if not all of the requested information is available).

### Powys Response:

Following the issue of our response dated 30 March 2026, updated information has since been received. Please see below our revised response, and please accept our sincere apologies for the earlier error.

Q1 - Q2. Due to the rural and sparsely populated nature of Powys, the Health Board does not operate District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county. Residents requiring acute and specialist services, including spinal surgery, access these from neighbouring District General Hospitals. I therefore recommend you contact them directly for this information. 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.

<b>Health Trust/Organisation</b>	<b>FOI Contact Details</b>
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
<b>Health Board/Organisation</b>	<b>FOI Contact Details</b>
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

Q3 - Q4. Please find below the available data for Powys residents for whom Powys Teaching Health Board acted as the provider. As noted in our previous response, patients requiring more complex surgery are referred to neighbouring District General Hospitals.

Please see the list below for the trauma and orthopaedic procedures undertaken in PTHB hospitals by Service Level Agreement (SLA) consultants.

- Carpal Tunnel Decompression
- Joint / Soft Tissue Injection
- Dupuytren's Fasciectomy / Fasciotomy
- Shoulder Arthroscopy / Decompression / Repair

- Knee Arthroscopy
- Excision of Soft Tissue Lesion / Cyst / Ganglion
- Spinal / Epidural Injection
- Trigger Finger / Thumb Release
- Foot & Toe Surgery (Osteotomy / Fusion / Correction)
- Nerve Release / Transposition
- Tendon Release (De Quervain's / Extensor
- Ankle Arthroscopy
- Wound Care / Infection Management
- Trapeziectomy

Please also note that March 2026 is not included, as the data for this month remains incomplete. The waiting times presented reflect the period from initial referral to the date of operation and do not include any adjustments that would normally be applied under Referral to Treatment (RTT) measures.

<b>Operation Financial Year</b>	<b>Operation Month</b>	<b>Median weeks wait</b>	<b>90 Percentile Weeks Wait</b>	<b>Number of Operations</b>
2025-2026	2026-02	13	41	17
2025-2026	2026-01	8	41	4
2025-2026	2025-12	13	59	10
2025-2026	2025-11	14	26	18
2025-2026	2025-10	15	38	27
2025-2026	2025-09	19	40	12
2025-2026	2025-08	9	15	11
2025-2026	2025-07	10	26	19
2025-2026	2025-06	12	20	21
2025-2026	2025-05	16	28	16
2025-2026	2025-04	16	25	15
2024-2025	2025-03	14	28	27
2024-2025	2025-02	9	31	18
2024-2025	2025-01	15	20	26
2024-2025	2024-12	11	49	15
2024-2025	2024-11	11	36	9
2024-2025	2024-10	12	19	11
2024-2025	2024-09	7	22	8
2024-2025	2024-08	9	18	14
2024-2025	2024-07	7	14	13
2024-2025	2024-06	9	13	18
2024-2025	2024-05	13	25	15
2023-2024	2024-04	10	32	20
2023-2024	2024-03	13	52	15
2023-2024	2024-02	14	20	20
2023-2024	2024-01	13	52	19
2023-2024	2023-12	15	50	18
2023-2024	2023-11	13	31	17
2023-2024	2023-10	13	28	17
2023-2024	2023-09	7	19	8
2023-2024	2023-08	14	22	9
2023-2024	2023-07	13	39	18

2023-2024	2023-06	13	36	26
2023-2024	2023-05	8	38	16
2023-2024	2023-04	17	39	16

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who 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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Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

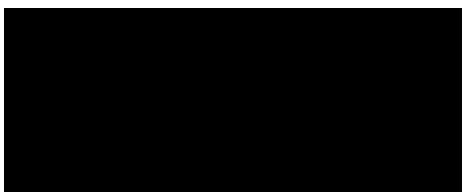
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Yours sincerely



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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.