

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.126.26

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 20 March 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.

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:

Q1. Is Basic Life Support course mandatory for the medical professionals working for the Health Board? – **Yes.**

Q2. How many courses per year does your Resus Training Department deliver? - **2-3 courses per week for Basic Life Support (BLS), Immediate Life Support (ILS) is delivered externally.**

Q3. What percentage of doctors/nurses/midwives and other allied health professionals have done BLS training in the last 1 year? – **The current compliance for mandatory training is at 60%.**

Q4. What percentage of your medical personnel have profession specific Advanced Life Support (ALS) training? - **None, whilst some staff require ALS, they are in-reaching staff employed by other organisations. PTHB does not hold details of the ALS status of those staff.**

Q5. What is the required frequency for statutory BLS training? – **Annual.**

Q6. What incentives or measures has the trust adopted to encourage annual BLS training for medical professionals with patient facing duties (no pay progression

if mandatory training not completed, departmental sessions, ESR alerts, managerial supervision of mandatory training etc)? – **A Resus Officer has been appointed in the last 12 months to manage all resus matters in-house. The Resus Officer delivers individual and departmental sessions. Electronic Staff Record (ESR) compliance is monitored as part of mandatory training with alerts to the individual and line manager. Mandatory compliance is discussed at (Performance Appraisal and Development Reviews PADR) and pay progression meetings.**

Q7. Does the organisation require resus teams to have Advanced Life Support training? - **PTHB does not have District General Hospitals, but has community hospitals, each with a small number of beds. As such resuscitation is carried out by ward staff and a 999 call is made. ALS is not required unless specifically indicated by the role.**

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.

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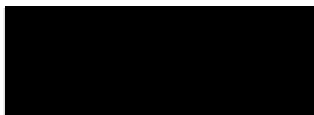
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Yours sincerely



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Deputy Director for People and Culture

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