

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.133.26

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 25 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 hold(s) 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 (Bold):

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

Q1. Any recorded information (including communications, guidance, or briefings) issued to staff concerning the implications of the Supreme Court judgment in *For Women Scotland Ltd v Scottish Ministers* – **Please find enclosed internal communication from Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB's) Chief Executive Officer and Chair: - FOI.133.26 Attachment 1. Message from Hayley and Carl: UK Supreme Court Ruling – 16 April 2025.**

Q2. Any recorded information relating to the review or amendment of staff policies arising from that judgment - **There have been no reviews or amendments of staff policies arising from that judgment.**

Q3. Any recorded information relating to guidance or policy updates for patient services arising from that judgment – **Please see response to Q2 above.**

Q4. In relation to legal advice obtained concerning that judgment:

- The dates on which such advice was sought or received;
- The identity of the provider (e.g. internal legal team, external counsel);

- c) The subject matter or issues on which advice was sought (at a high level);
- d) Any recorded information summarising, implementing, or reflecting the effect of that advice in policy or operational decisions - **The Health Board has not separately sought legal advice concerning the Judgement. We are waiting for clarification from the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) as well as Welsh Government which has not yet been published.**

This request is limited to information created or held from 1 January 2024 to the date of searches.

For the avoidance of doubt, this request does not seek disclosure of the substance of privileged legal advice but does include factual and contextual information about its existence, scope, and application.

If any information is withheld, please specify the exemption(s) relied upon. Where section 42 is engaged, please confirm this explicitly and provide the public interest assessment. Please also disclose any reasonably separable non-exempt material.

If this request exceeds the cost limit, please advise how it may be refined in accordance with your duty under section 16.

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/>

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Yours sincerely



Mark McIntyre
Deputy Director for People and Culture

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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.