

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.138.26

29 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 31 March 2026, and clarification received on the same date, following issue of our final response FOI.101.26, 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):

To avoid any misunderstanding, I would like to clarify the distinction I am drawing. I am not questioning the adequacy of your processes or suggesting anything is being done incorrectly. My enquiry relates solely to the type of recorded assurance held by your organisation.

In your response, you have stated that Data Sanitisation Reports provided by your supplier confirm that storage devices have been rendered irrecoverable, with device serial numbers linked to the host device.

A report confirming that a sanitisation process has been successfully completed demonstrates that a recognised method was applied. What I am seeking to understand is whether the documentation held provides recorded evidence of the outcome, namely that the data on a specific storage device is irrecoverable, rather than confirmation that the sanitisation process was executed.

With that distinction in mind, please confirm:

Q1. Do the Data Sanitisation Reports contain an explicit statement warranting or guaranteeing that the final data state of each specific storage device is irrecoverable? – **Yes, this is confirmed on a per batch basis and on a per item basis.**

Q2. What specific recorded fields, verification results, or test outcomes within those reports are relied upon to demonstrate that irrecoverability of data has been achieved for each individual device? – **“Data Security” field demonstrates destruction and recoverability including standard applied.**

Q3. Beyond confirmation that a sanitisation process has been completed in accordance with a recognised standard, does the organisation hold any recorded, device specific documentation evidencing that the data on the storage media has been rendered irrecoverable in practice? – **No.**

Q4. If no such recorded outcome evidence is held beyond confirmation of process completion, please confirm accordingly. – **Outcome evidence is stored based on the suppliers assertion that they have completed the process and their contractual requirement to meet the standards described.**

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/>

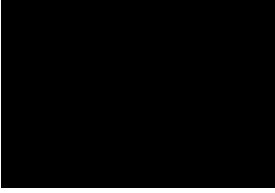
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Yours sincerely



Vicki Cooper
Chief Digital Data Officer

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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.