

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.196.26

19 May 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 May 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 each question individually.

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

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information in relation to hip replacement (total hip arthroplasty) procedures in hospitals covered by your board:

**Please note: Powys Teaching Health Board does not have District General Hospital (DGH) services within the county and therefore do not undertake hip replacement surgery in Powys. Powys patients would be treated in DGH's provided by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS Trusts in England. The data below is for Powys patients treated at other health boards and Trusts. Figures provided are for the 2025/2026 financial year.**

### Waiting Times

Q1. The minimum waiting time for patients who have received hip replacement surgery within the most recent 12-month period – **0 weeks.**

Q2. The average (mean) waiting time for patients who have received hip replacement surgery within the same period – **43 weeks.**

Q3. Please also provide the figures requested in (a) and (b) for the previous two 12-month periods, by way of comparison – **Please see the table below.**

Financial Year	Minimum wait	Mean wait
2023 - 2024	0 weeks	46 weeks
2024 - 2025	1 week	49 weeks

#### Current Waiting List

Q4. The total number of patients currently on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at the date of your response (or the most recent available date) –**The number of patients waiting for Trauma and Orthopaedics surgery on 28 February 2026 was 4426.**

Q5. The total number of patients on the waiting list for hip replacement surgery at a similar period in 2025 and 2024 – **Please see the table below for the number of patients on the waiting list for Trauma and Orthopaedics surgery:**

Date	Waiting list numbers for Trauma and Orthopaedics
29 February 2024	5179
28 February 2025	5350

#### Patients Leaving the Waiting List for Private Treatment

Q6. The number of patients who have been removed from the NHS waiting list for hip replacement surgery within the most recent 12-month period where the reason recorded was that the patient chose to undergo private treatment.-**PTHB does not hold this data.**

If this information is not centrally recorded, please provide any available proxy data or explain how such removals are categorised. - **We are provided the national data by Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW) who collate the data submitted by individual health boards. The data set does not require a reason for the closure of pathways and therefore we are unable to answer this question.**

#### Definitions and Notes

Please provide any definitions or criteria used by the Trust in compiling the above figures (for example, how waiting time is calculated).

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit under the Act, I would be grateful if you could advise and assist me in refining the request. I would prefer to receive this information in electronic

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

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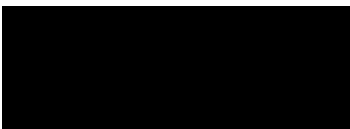
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Yours sincerely



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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.