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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 18 May 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. Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists Band 5 posts were advertised by Powys Teaching Health Board between April 1st 2025 and March 31st 2026, and the total number of applications received for these posts – **6 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) posts were advertised for the period requested. Powys Teaching Health Board received 604 Applications.**

Q2. Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists Band 5 posts were successfully recruited by Powys Teaching Health Board between April 1st 2025 and March 31st 2026 – **5.**

Q3. Please confirm or deny if Powys Teaching Health Board has had any periods of time within the last 12 months to the 31st of March 2026 where recruitment to posts has been delayed? If confirmed, please provide reasons (short narrative) for the delay – **No physiotherapy posts were delayed during the timeframe requested.**

Q4. Please confirm or deny whether there have been any new physiotherapy service developments including new services, new roles or changes to existing service delivery, in Powys Teaching Health Board during the last financial year

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(April 2025 to end of March 2026) – **Yes, the Clinical Musculoskeletal Assessment and Treatment Service (CMATS) orthopaedic referral management business case.**

If confirmed:

Please provide details of the developments –

- **2 additional band 8a Advanced Practice CMATS Physiotherapists**
- **3 Band 7 CMATS Clinical specialists**
- **0.5 Band 6 MSK Physiotherapists**

2. Please confirm or deny whether these were supported by additional resources.- **Yes additional resources were provided from within internal funding for Physiotherapy budget.**

Q5. Please provide details of spend on agency/locum staff in the last year April 2025 to end of March 2026 – **£417,103.**

Q6. Please confirm your current physiotherapy workforce vacancy rate:

- a. as a percentage of the expected physiotherapy workforce at Powys Teaching Health Board – **1.89%**
- b. please provide a breakdown of vacancies in WTE broken down by Agenda for Change pay bands – **Please see the table below:**

Band	Vacancies
Physiotherapist Band 5	2
Physiotherapist Band 6	0
Physiotherapist Band 7	1
Physiotherapist Band 8A	0
Physiotherapist Band 8B	0
Physiotherapist Band 8C	0

Please provide an explanation of the vacancies in request 6, and any figures that relate to the number of vacant posts in e.g How many are

a. Post waiting recruitment process,

- **1 Band 7 post will be advertised.**
- **2 Band 5 posts have been short-listed and are awaiting interview.**

b. Post advertised, recruited to **Not applicable**

c. Vacancy hold, unable to advertise **Not applicable**

d. Financial savings, not recruiting to vacancy **Not applicable**

e. Other (please explain) **Not applicable**

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Address: Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

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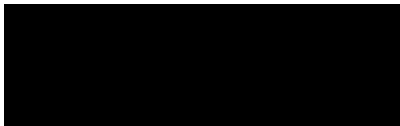
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Yours sincerely



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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.