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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 06 October 2026, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not hold the information that you require. For ease of reference your request is set out below and the Health Board's response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:
Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide the following information:

1. Surgical robots: How many robot-assisted surgical systems (for example, da Vinci, Versius, Hugo, Mako, ROSA) does the health board currently have in use? For each one, please give the manufacturer and model, the year it came into use, and the hospital site where it is based.

2. Number of operations: How many robot-assisted surgical procedures did the health board carry out in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2025/26?

3. By specialty: For each of those years, please break the total down by surgical specialty (for example: urology, colorectal or general surgery, gynaecology, ear nose and throat, thoracic, orthopaedics, other).

4. Costs: What was the purchase or lease cost of each robot, and what is the current annual maintenance or service contract cost?

If the health board does not use surgical robots, please simply confirm this.

Powys Response:
I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not use surgical robots in our operating theatres and therefore this is a nil response.

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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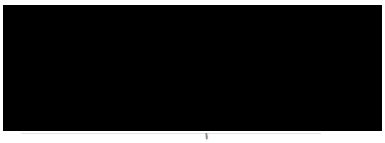
Yours sincerely



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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.