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Sent via email to: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

**Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information, received on 14 October 2026. In accordance with section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) confirms that it holds some of the information requested. For ease of reference, your questions are reproduced below, with PTHB's response provided after each question.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) request and PTHB's responses (in bold):
This request relates to the reporting of histopathology and radiology, the relevant medical workforce, and the outsourcing of these services. Please answer the following questions:

**Please note: Powys is a rural and sparsely populated county and has no District General Hospital (DGH) services within its boundaries. Powys residents access acute and specialist services at DGHs operated by neighbouring health boards in Wales and neighbouring NHS trusts in England.**

**PTHB does not operate histopathology laboratories and does not have MRI, PET CT or SPECT scanners. Several of the questions below are therefore not applicable to PTHB.**

Medical workforce.
At 30th September 2026, please state the number of whole time equivalent (WTE) consultants employed by the authority:

Q1. WTE Histopathology Consultants – **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not directly employ Histopathology Consultants.**

Q2. WTE Radiology Consultants **- PTHB does not directly employ Radiology Consultants.**

Histopathology reporting.
For the 6 month period 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026, please state the following in relation to histopathology activity undertaken by the authority:

Q3. How many histopathology cases were reported during the period Of these **– Not applicable. PTHB does not provide histopathology laboratory services.**

Q4. How many were reported by consultants employed by the authority during their salaried programmed activities (PAs) **– Not applicable.**

Q5. How many were reported by consultants employed by the authority (or partnerships of such consultants) outside their contracted PAs for additional payment above their salary **– Not applicable.**

Q6. How many were reported by locum pathologists, biomedical scientists, and or medical staff below consultant grade **– Not applicable.**

Q7. How many were reported by external companies **– Not applicable.**

Q8. Please break down the amount in question 7, and state how many were reported by each of the following companies:
a. Backlogs (part of HCA)
b. Source Bioscience
c. Cellular Pathology Services
d. Unilabs
e. Diagnexia
f. Medica
g. Poundbury Cancer Institute
h. Digital Pathology Partners
i. Other (please state which)
**Not applicable.**

Radiology Reporting.
For the 6 month period 1st April 2026 to 30th September 2026, please state the following in relation to radiology activity undertaken by the authority:

Q9. How many radiology cases were reported during the period Of these **- 10,679.**

Q10. How many were in each of the following modalities:
a. Plain film/ x-ray **10,640.**
b. MRI scan **- Not applicable.**
c. CT Scan **39.**
d. PET CT/ SPECT **- Not applicable.**

Q11. How many were reported by radiology consultants employed by the authority during their salaried programmed activities (PAs) **– Not applicable. PTHB does not directly employ radiology consultants.**

Q12. How many were reported by consultants employed by the authority (or partnerships of such consultants) outside their contracted PAs for additional payment above their salary **– Not applicable.**

Q13. How many were reported by locum radiologists, medical staff below consultant grade, and or radiographers – **7,654.**

Q14. How many were reported by external companies – **3,025.**

Q15. Please break down the amount in question 14, and state how many were reported by each of the following companies
a. Medica – **0.**
b. Everlight Radiology – **3,025.**
c. Telemedicine Clinic (TMC, part of Unilabs) – **0.**
d. 4Ways – **0.**
e. Dulwich Medical – **0.**
f. Hexarad – **0.**
e. Other (please state which) – **0.**

If you are dissatisfied with the way your request has been handled or with the response provided, you have the right to request an internal review. To do so, please write to the address above, quoting the reference number.

If you remain dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted using the details below:

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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.