## **Grŵp lechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Health and Social Services Group**



Our Ref: ATISN 10936 Date: 16 January 2017

Dear,

## Complaint in respect of ATISN 10936 - Freedom of Information request regarding A&E provision documentation in Powys

In your email of 20<sup>th</sup> November, you requested the following information:

 Welsh Government Policy documentation relating to the provision of Accident and Emergency services in Powys

On 16<sup>th</sup> December, we wrote to you confirming the Welsh Government does not hold this information.

On the same day you responded to request an internal review.

As per my letter of 20<sup>th</sup> December, I have conducted a review of your case and this letter sets out my conclusion. I am satisfied that the Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested.

For clarification, Welsh Government policy documentation relating to the provision of Accident and Emergency services in Powys does not exist. This is because the responsibility for the planning and provision of health services at a local level is legally delegated to LHBs in Wales under the NHS Wales Act 2006. This is reinforced in the NHS Finance (Wales) Act 2014 which further sets out the responsibilities of Health Boards in Wales to plan, provide and commission services that meet the needs of their population. Each organisation is required to prepare an Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP) and the link to the latest IMTP for Powys Teaching Health Board is attached below. <a href="http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1145/PowysTHB">http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/documents/1145/PowysTHB</a> %20IMTP 2016-19\_FINAL.pdf

The information on unscheduled care can be found at page 191.

For further information you may wish to contact Powys teaching Health Board directly at the following address:



Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters Headquarters Glasbury House Bronllys Hospital

Bronllys Powys LD3 0LS

Tel: 01874 711661

Email: <a href="mailto:powys.geninfo@wales.nhs.uk">powys.geninfo@wales.nhs.uk</a>

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745 Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: to <a href="mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk">casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk</a>

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales 1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae Pencoed Bridgend CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate) Email: <a href="mailto:ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk">ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk</a>

Yours sincerely

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