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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 24 August 2023 and subsequent clarification received on 8 September 2023, 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please provide me with the following information in relation to temporary agency staffing.

1. Neutral Vend (NV) or Master Vend (MV) Agency Supplier:

i. Medical

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier?

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

iii. Nursing

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

- Name of the NV or MV agency supplier
- Expiry date of contract with the NV or MV agency supplier

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2. Direct Engagement (DE):

i. Medical

- Name of the DE provider
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
- % of DE currently achieved

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

- Name of the DE provider
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
- % of DE currently achieved

iii. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

- Name of the DE provider
- Expiry date of contract with the DE provider
- % of DE currently achieved

3. Financial Year 2022/2023 - spend figures on temporary agency staffing – (worker pay & agency commission only):

i. Medical

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

iii. Nursing

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

4. Financial Year 2022/2023 - number of hours worked by temporary agency workers:

i. Medical

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

iii. Nursing

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

5. Contact responsible for temporary agency staffing at the Health Board:

i. Workforce Lead

- Name
- Job Title

ii. Procurement Lead

- Name
- Job Title

iii. Finance Lead

- Name
- Job Title

Clarification requested:

3iii. Nursing – please specify if the spend is just for Registered Nurses

Clarification Response:

My request related to all Nursing spend including Healthcare Assistants

Powys Response:

Q1 Neutral Vend (NV) or Master Vend (MV) Agency Supplier:

i. Medical

PTHB uses Medacs for medical staff.

PTHB can confirm the contract end date for Medacs is August 2024.

ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)

CCS (Crown Commercial Services) Framework and Agency Nursing Services AW84976 is used.

- CCS Framework – Each agency has an agreement and contract end date.
- Agency Nursing Services AW84976 is February 2025.

iii. Nursing

CCS (Crown Commercial Services) Framework and Agency Nursing Services AW84976 is used.

Please see response for Q1ii

iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)

CCS (Crown Commercial Services) Framework

Q2i – iii PTHB does not use a third party to provide a Direct Engagement.

Q3 Please see the table below for the financial years 2022 /2023 – spend figures on temporary agency staffing (worker pay & agency commission only)

i. Medical	£3,369,311 Incorporates spend on Locum Consultants
ii. Allied Health Professionals (AHPs)	£779,796
iii. Nursing	£5,412,747 Includes spend on Registered Nurses & Health Care Support Workers
iv. Non-Medical, Non-Clinical (NMNC)	£175,540

Q4 Please see below for the number of hours worked by temporary agency workers:

- i. The number of hours worked by temporary medical agency workers is 20048.

ii. The number of hours worked by temporary allied health professionals (AHPs) agency workers is 28.50. Please note that we are only able to provide limited data on AHP's due to how the information is currently recorded. The data we have provided relates to Operating Department Practitioners

iii. The number of hours worked by temporary nursing agency workers is 101,253.97.

iv. I can confirm that PTHB does not centrally collect figures on the number of hours worked by temporary non-medical and non-clinical agency workers. To answer this question would require a manual trawl of various records over several services. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the fees limit of £450 set by the Freedom of Information Act. We estimate that one person would need to spend 3½ working days to determine whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Health Board is therefore not obliged to comply with this part of your request.

Q5 Contact responsible for temporary agency staffing at the Health Board:

i. Workforce Lead

- Temporary Staffing Unit
- Email address: Powys.tsu@wales.nhs.uk
- Phone Number: 01874 712557

Q5 ii & iii. PTHB does not have Procurement or Finance Leads for temporary staffing.

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
Glasbury House
Bronllys Hospital
Bronllys
Brecon
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If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor,
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Debra', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Debra Wood-Lawson

Director of Workforce & Organisation Development