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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 4 December 2023, 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Please can you provide me with the Information below?

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy locums?
2. Who are the managers responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) for the following departments at all hospitals associated with the Trust:
 - (a) Physiotherapy
 - (b) Occupational Therapy
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email addresses for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2.
4. How much was your Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups since January 2023 – present?
 - (a) Physiotherapy
 - (b) Occupational Therapy

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

5. Please provide the names of the agencies currently used by the Trust to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists – please include the % of shifts filled by each agency since January 2023.

6. Do you use a direct engagement model to facilitate locum placements for Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists, if so, which one?

7. What is the highest rate paid for Band 6 Physiotherapists and Band 6 Occupational Therapists since January 2023?

Powys Response:

1. Powys Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) Professional Head of Physiotherapy is responsible for approving the agency usage for Physiotherapy locums. PTHB's Professional Head of Occupational Therapy is responsible for approving the agency usage for Occupational Therapy locums.

2a. PTHB's Professional Head of Physiotherapy is the responsible manager for on and off framework agency usage for Physiotherapy.

2b. PTHB's Professional Head of Occupational Therapy is the responsible manager for on and off framework agency usage for Occupational Therapy.

3. The contact details for the managers listed in relation to question 1 and 2 are:

Telephone: 01686 617234

Email: POW.TherapiesandHealthSciences@wales.nhs.uk

4a. PTHB's Physiotherapy framework agency spend for January 2023 – December 2023 was £169,076.

4b. PTHB's Occupational Therapy framework agency spend for January 2023 – December 2023 was £236,939.

5. Please find below the list of agencies currently used to supply Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists.

- Medicspro Ltd.
- Pure Healthcare Group Ltd.
- Globe Locums Ltd.
- Piers Meadows Recruitment.
- Tripod Partners.

PTHB does not record the percentages of shifts filled by each agency, therefore I am unable to provide this information.

6. Should PTHB receive a locum request, we source from a list of Crown Commercial Framework agencies specifically for Allied Health Professionals & Health Science Services Staffing.

7. The highest paid rate for Band 6 Physiotherapists is £64.74 + VAT.
The highest paid rate for Band 6 Occupational Therapists is £64.99 + VAT.

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
Powys LD3 0LY

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
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.

Yours sincerely



Joy Garfitt
Director of Operations/ Director of Community & Mental Health