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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 20 March 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:

- 1) In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?
- 2) In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?
- 3) Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?
- 4) In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.
- 5) Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?
- 6) In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests for?
- 7) Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?
- 8) How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?
- 9) Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?
- 10) What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?
- 11) Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?

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Powys Teaching Local Health Board

Powys Response:

Q1 In the last 60 days Thornbury Nursing Services have supplied Registered Nurses for a total of 4363.58 hours

Q2 Please see the table below for the wards or departments TNS requests were for.

South Powys Adult - Felindre
Hospital Nursing (MCI)
Hospital Nursing (VWM)
Hospital Nursing (LND)
Hospital Nursing (LWH)
Hospital Nursing Epynt
Theatre
Hospital Nursing (MAC)
Hospital Nursing (BRO)
Hospital Nursing (YCH)
Ystradgynlais Tawe Ward
South Powys Llandrindod - Clywedog Ward
Day Hospital MIU (BWM)
Hospital Nursing Y Bannau

Q3 Thornbury Nursing Services supplied Registered Nurses to fill 473 shifts.

Q4 Other off framework agencies utilised by PTHB during the last 60 days were Presto and Athona.

Q5 566 Registered Nurse shifts have been released or allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days.

Q6 Please see the table below for the wards or departments the off framework requests were for:

Hospital Nursing (MCI)
South Powys Adult - Felindre
Hospital Nursing (VWM)
Hospital Nursing (YCH)
Hospital Nursing (LND)
Hospital Nursing (LWH)
Hospital Nursing Epynt
Theatre E004
Hospital Nursing (MAC)
Hospital Nursing (BRO)
Hospital Nursing Y Bannau
Ystradgynlais Tawe Ward
South Powys Llandrindod - Clywedog Ward
Day Hospital MIU (BWM)

Q7 93 nursing shifts were filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days. This excludes those filled by Thornbury Nursing Services.

Q8 3 long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies.

Q9 PTHB is currently utilising the off-framework agencies; Presto, Thornbury Nursing Services and Athona, for nursing vacancies. We can confirm that the Total Off-Contract Nursing Agency Spend for the Financial Year 2022-23 was £2,794,752. This expenditure was on Registered Nurses and Health Care Support Workers.

Q10 PTHB can confirm this information has been withheld as they are considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information however it was felt that, in doing so, could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the organisations in question.

As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this information.

Q11 The person responsible for patient safety and staffing levels is Claire Roche – Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery.

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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Churchill House,
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Yours sincerely



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