

Our ref: IG/FOI/24.R.336

8 October 2024

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your four separate requests for information, which were received on 26 August 2024, 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 responding, our response will cover the requests sent for information regarding Brecon, Newtown, Bronllys and Llanidloes Hospitals.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am submitting a Freedom of Information request to the Temporary Staffing Procurement Department. Please provide the following information:

1. Does the Trust use the RM6281 Workforce Alliance framework?
2. Which department is responsible for staffing under Lot 1 (Nursing and Midwifery) and Lot 4 (Social Care)?
3. Is the Trust a participant in the new RM6281 Workforce Alliance framework? If not, which framework is being used, when will it commence, and where is it published?
4. The total Trust expenditure on framework agencies for Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants from January 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024.
5. The total Trust expenditure on off-framework agencies for the same roles and period.

6. The total Trust expenditure through the internal Trust bank for the same period.

7. The total number of Nursing and Health Care Assistant shifts booked during this period.

8. The total number of shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period.

9. The number of agencies currently assigned to tier 1, tier 2, and tier 3 under Lot 1.

Powys Response:

I am happy to answer your questions, but please be aware that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) is an Organisation within NHS Wales and is not an NHS Trust within the English NHS.

1. I can confirm PTHB does not use RM6281 Workforce Alliance Framework. However, we do use RM6161.

2. The department responsible for Lot 1 staffing is the Temporary Staffing Unit (TSU). Lot 4 staffing is not applicable.

3. The Health Board uses RM6161. I can confirm this framework commenced on 13 October 2020 and the end date is 13 October 2024. I can confirm this framework is published through the commercial service website.

4. Please see the table below for expenditure on-framework agencies for Registered General Nurses, Registered Mental Health Nurses, and Health Care Assistants from 1 January 2024 to 30 June 2024.

	Brecon	Newtown	Bronllys	Llanidloes
	£ '000s	£ '000s	£ '000s	£ '000s
Registered General Nurses	96	100	66	128
Mental Health Nurses	0	0	114	0
Health Care Assistants	69	62	115	15

5. Please see the table below for expenditure on off-framework agencies for the same roles and period.

	Brecon	Newtown	Bronllys	Llanidloes
	£ '000s	£ '000s	£ '000s	£ '000s
Registered General Nurses	46	37	36	67
Mental Health Nurses	0	0	149	0
Health Care Assistants	24	32	52	19

Q6. Please see the table below for expenditure through the internal bank for the same period:

	Brecon	Newtown	Bronllys	Llanidloes
	£ '000s	£ '000s	£ '000s	£ '000s
Registered General Nurses	56	25	9	9
Mental Health Nurses	0	0	0	0
Health Care Assistants	47	3	39	0

Q7. Please see the table below for the shifts have been filled by agencies for Nursing and Health Care Assistants broken down by the sites requested between 1 January 2024 and 30 June 2024.

Hospital Site	Number of shifts
Brecon	114
Newtown	118
Bronllys	73
Llanidloes	102

Q8. PTHB do not apply the NHSE capped rates and have our own All Wales contract terms and conditions, which includes rates.

Q9. Not applicable.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via powysfoi.foi@wales.nhs.uk

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely



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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.