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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 7 March 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.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I lead on Workforce, Recruitment and Technology Solutions for [REDACTED] with the aim of supporting the NHS deliver greater savings, efficiencies and outcomes, whilst also working on Agency Reduction Programmes, and Technology Interoperability aligning to NHS England Long Term Workforce Plan, and Secretary of State technological vision.

I know the NHS is under pressure and scrutiny to ensure all NHS Trusts and ICB's/ ICS's consider and scope alternative Workforce Solutions and Technology v's current incumbent providers to ensure fit for purpose, cost effectiveness and interoperable solutions are procured.

With that in mind I am keen to establish the landscape around contracts, suppliers, and activity and spend of your Trust.
The below data is for the period - January 2023 - December 2023 (or last 12 months data).

1. What current Staffing Rosters are in place and currently operational, contract end dates per service, annual/contract fee's/costs, plus How many users/licenses per product?
2. What Direct Engagement Technology VAT efficiency model/provider is in place, and for what staffing group's i.e. Locums, AHP, NMNC etc. What's the cost per annum? As a pence per hour, or percentage model? And expiry date

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of this contract? What savings were delivered via DE during 2023 or last 12 months?

3. What is the current spend (£) over the last 12 months Jan 23-Dec 23 for Nursing, Locums, AHP, NMNC and Facilities Management separately across Agency utilisation or contractors at?

4. Who manages your current Staff Bank? And for What Staffing Groups? Also, what annual costs are associated with your staff bank to provide this service? Also Contract end Date

5. How many Nurses, Doctors or AHP's were procured via International Recruitment during 2023? And who are the suppliers, contract term, and expiry.

6. Who are the main providers for Clinical Insourcing/Outsourcing/Mobile Units to help reduce waiting lists across all services, i.e. Theatres/Endoscopy/Dermatology etc. and What's the annual spend and contract end date.

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm the current Staffing Rosters in place is Allocate Optima from Softcat plc. The contract end date is 31 January 2026. This is an All-Wales contract managed by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) and I recommend you contact them directly for further information via:

shared.service@wales.nhs.uk

Q2. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not have Direct Engagement Technology in place.

Q3. Please see FOI 24.R.112 Attachment 1 for PTHB's Agency/ Locum Spend by supplier for the period of January 2023 to December 2023. Please note that this spend only relates to the payment of actual invoices to suppliers and excludes accruals and we have merged Registered Nursing and Unregistered (HCSW) spend together for the Nursing category. I can confirm there is no spend on Facilities Management during this period.

Q4. I can confirm the Temporary Staffing Unit (TSU) is part of the PTHB's Workforce and Organisational Development department. TSU manage the bank staff for all staffing groups.

Q5. I can confirm nine international nurses were recruited during 2023. Recruitment of international nurses is managed through the All-Wales International Recruitment Programme via NWSSP.

Q6. I can confirm Medinet is the main provider. Planned Care does not currently outsource or use mobile units. The annual spend with Medinet from January 2023 to December 2023 across Theatre, Endoscopy and Outpatients which includes Anaesthetics was £184,893. The contract end date is 31 March 2024.

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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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