

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.273.25

24 April 2025

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 April 2025, 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 my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

Q1a. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses

Q1b. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

Q2a. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses

Q2b. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

Q3a. In the period 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 please provide a breakdown of:

- Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses

Q3b. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

- Spend per band
- Spend per specialty
- Spend per agency name

Q4. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025)

Q5. Please confirm the total number of nursing shifts booked above NHSE capped rates during this period for all agency nursing only, no bank staff nursing to be included (1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025)

Powys Response:

Please Note:

- Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not routinely collect the data for agency spend by nursing band.
- All figures have been rounded to the nearest £.
- The Spend on Agency is based on Actual Processed Payments during the period 1st January – 31st March 2025 but excludes any suppliers that were paid less than £1,000 during the timeframe requested.

Q1a. I can confirm the spend for PTHB agency framework for both registered and unregistered locum nurses between 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 was £807,341.

Q1b. Please see the table below for the spend per speciality breakdown:

Total On Framework Supplier Payments per category	Spend (£)
Registered Nurses (RGN)	200,772
Mental Health Nurse (RMN)	379,634
Health Care Support Workers (HCSW)	226,936

Please see the table below for spend per agency name:

On Framework Agency Supplier	Spend (£)
Ability Recruitment Group Ltd	12,119
Asa Medical Solutions Ltd	4,194
Bluestones Medical	19,935
Carepro Ltd	21,659
Concept Care Solutions Ltd	3,913
Direct Medics Ltd	6,375
Eleventh Hour Group Ltd	12,478
Enferm Medical Ltd	15,294
Gold Staff Recruitment Ltd	3,795
Hanson Grey Ltd	13,812
Med Pure Ltd	3,454
Med Team Primary Care Services Ltd	1,763
Medacs Healthcare Plc	4,496

Medicspro Ltd	17,671
Mps Healthcare Ltd	34,681
Mylocum Ltd	41,317
National Locums	10,977
NC Healthcare Ltd	1,446
Pertemps Medical Professionals Ltd	5,831
Pro Nursing Healthcare Ltd	46,398
Pulse Healthcare Ltd	17,817
Randstad solutions Ltd	35,988
Red sector recruitment Ltd	252,346
Richmond Nursing Agency Ltd	4,866
Severn Angels Healthcare Ltd	167,397
Spectrum Healthcare Domiciliary Care Ltd	7,312
Staffing Plus Ltd	10,198
The Placement Group Nursing Ltd	1,136
Total Assist Recruitment Ltd	8,386
Txm Healthcare Ltd	6,114
Vetro Health Ltd	1,912
Vivid Healthcare Search Ltd	5,490
Workforce Employment Solutions Ltd	1,644
Ystradgynlais Group Practice	5,130

Q2a. I can confirm the spend for PTHB agency off framework for both registered and unregistered locum nurses between 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 was £447,856.

Q2b. Please see the table below for the spend per speciality breakdown:

Total Off Framework Supplier Payments per category	Spend (£)
Registered Nurses (RGN)	97,579
Mental Health Nurse (RMN)	256,730
Health Care Support Workers (HCSW)	93,547

Please see the table below for spend per agency name:

Off Framework Agency Supplier	Spend (£)
Independent Clinical Services Ltd TA Thornbury Nursing Services	240,623
Presto Nursing Ltd	35,298
Pure Healthcare Group Ltd	171,934

Q3a. I can confirm the spend the internal trust bank or associated external provider for both registered and unregistered locum nurses between 1st January 2025 to 31st March 2025 was £549,513.

Q3b. Please see the table below for the spend per speciality breakdown:

Total Internal Bank Spend per category	Spend (£)
Registered Nurses (RGN)	255,015

Mental Health Nurse (RMN)	101,910
Health Care Support Workers (HCSW)	192,589

I can confirm the spend per agency name is not applicable as this is internal PTHB spend.

Q4. I can confirm the total number of nursing shifts for the period requested was 1911.

Q5. I can confirm PTHB do not operate on NHS England rates. Therefore, this is a nil response.

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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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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.