

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.356.25

25 June 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 9 June 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:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Powys Teaching Health Board. I am requesting this information as it is not routinely published in your health board papers. Please could you provide me with:

Q1. The most recent number of unfilled registered nurse posts in Powys Teaching Health Board, by Agenda for Change band, expressed as Full Time Equivalent.

Q2. The total cost (£) of the agency nursing spend in Powys Teaching Health Board, both on- and off-contract, for the financial year 2024/25, and this total cost broken down by:

- (i) agency nursing spend on registered nurses;
- (ii) agency nursing spend on nursing staff.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

### Powys Response:

Q1. Please see below table which sets out the most recent number of unfilled registered nurse posts in Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB), by Agenda for

Change band, expressed as Full Time Equivalent. Please Note: the response below excludes midwives.

<b>Pay Scale</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
Review Body Band 5	76.37
Review Body Band 6	34.70
Review Body Band 7	17.32
Review Body Band 8 - Range A	3.74
Review Body Band 8 - Range B	0
Review Body Band 8 - Range C	1.60
Review Body Band 8 - Range D	0

Q2. I can confirm that the total cost of agency nursing spend in PTHB, both on- and off-contract, for the financial year 2024/25 was £5,811,606.

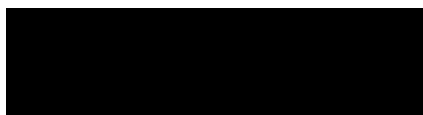
Q2i & Q2ii. Please see the table below for a further breakdown as requested.

<b>Agency Worker</b>	<b>On Framework</b>	<b>Off Framework</b>	<b>Total</b>
Registered Nurses	£2,769,791.15	£1,501,012.43	£4,270,803.58
Nursing Health Care Assistant/ Health Care Support Worker	£1,112,935.82	£427,866.25	£1,540,802.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,882,726.97</b>	<b>£1,928,878.68</b>	<b>£5,811,606.65</b>

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 [Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Powys.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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**Deputy Director of Finance**



**Mark McIntyre**  
**Deputy Director for People and Culture**

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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.