

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.146.26

22 April 2026

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 01 April 2026, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require. For ease of reference your request is set out below and the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Please can you provide the below information:

Please Note:

- **All figures provided have been rounded to the nearest pound (£).**
- **The spend on agency is based on actual processed payments made to suppliers during the period of 1 January 2026 – 31 March 2026.**
- **Any suppliers that were paid less than £1,000 during the above timeframe have been amalgamated where applicable.**

Q1. In the period 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

a. Total trust spend with framework agencies for locum nurses – **I can confirm that the total supplier payments with framework agencies for both Registered and Unregistered Nurses Healthcare Support Worker (HCSWs) was £370,260.**

Q2. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

a. Spend per band – **Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does not collect this information.**

b. Spend per specialty – **Please see the table below for spend per specialty:**

Specialty	Spend (£)
Registered General Nurse	30,258

Registered Mental Health Nurse	239,081
Healthcare Support Worker	100,920

c. Spend per agency name – Please see the table below for spend per agency name:

Agency supplier	Spend (£)
Ability Recruitment Group Ltd	1,516
Anytime Care 2020 Ltd	17,484
Carepro Ltd	2,074
Concept Care Solutions	2,525
Globe Locums Ltd	30,243
Gold Staff Recruitment Ltd	2,030
Liquid Personnel Ltd	48,492
MPS Healthcare Ltd	9,322
Mylocum Ltd	13,447
National Locums Ltd	18,216
Pro Nursing Healthcare Ltd	7,789
Pure Healthcare Group Ltd	117,951
Randstad Solutions Ltd	28,819
RMR Recruitment Ltd	2,080
Severn Angels Healthcare Ltd	68,442
Staffing Plus Ltd	3,499
Total Assist Recruitment Ltd	2,146
Other suppliers paid less than £1,000 in timeframe total	5,816

Q3. In the period 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

a. Total trust spend with off framework agencies for locum nurses – **I can confirm that the total supplier payments with off framework agencies for both Registered and Unregistered Nurses (HCSWs) was £183,524.**

Q4. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

a. Spend per band – **PTHB does not collect this information.**

b. Spend per specialty – **Please see the table below for spend per specialty:**

Specialty	Spend (£)
Registered General Nurse	11,424
Registered Mental Health Nurse	152,096
Healthcare Support Worker	20,003

c. Spend per agency name – Please see the table below for spend per agency name:

Agency supplier	Spend (£)
Independent Clinical Services T/A Thornbury Nursing Services	55,531
Red Sector Recruitment Ltd	127,993

Q5. In the period 1st January 2026 to 31st March 2026 please provide a breakdown of:

a. Total trust spend with the internal trust bank or associated external provider for locum nurses – **The total spend on internal Bank Staff for the period is £615,410. We do not have an associated external provider.**

Q6. Please provide a further breakdown for locum nurses by:

a. Spend per band – **PTHB does not collect this information**

b. Spend per specialty – **Please see the table below for spend per specialty:**

Specialty	Spend (£)
Registered General Nurse	252,046
Registered Mental Health Nurse	162,770
Healthcare Support Worker	200,594

c. Spend per agency name – **Not Applicable.**

Q7. 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 2026 to 31st March 2026) – **A total of 615 shifts was booked between 1 January 2026 and the 31 March 2026 across General and Mental Health services.**

Q8. 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 2026 to 31st March 2026) – **Not applicable. I can confirm that NHS capped rates do not apply in Wales.**

Q9. Please confirm the framework you utilise for nursing agency staff – **All Wales Nursing Contract framework.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Should you wish an internal review, please quote the reference number and send your correspondence to the above address.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

Telephone: 0330 414 6421

Complaints Portal: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Web site: <https://ico.org.uk/>

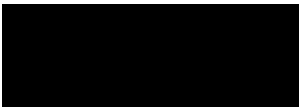
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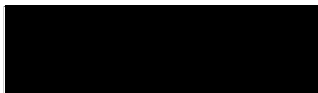
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Yours sincerely



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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.