

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.059.26

5 March 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 11 February 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):

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act about agency costs for registered nurse shifts paid out by your organisation over the past two years.

Q1. What was the single highest amount your trust paid to an agency for any registered nurse shift for band 5 or above in the current financial year [i.e. April 2025-26] - **Please see the table below:**

Year	Highest amount paid for agency nursing shift band 5 or above	Specialist area/ nursing speciality paid for	Nursing band
2025-26 (as at end of January 2026)	£1,980	Mental Health Ward	Single Registered General Nurse (RGN) Agency Code

i. Could you please provide the same information for the preceding year [i.e. April 2024-25]

Year	Highest amount paid for agency nursing shift band 5 or above	Specialist area/ nursing speciality paid for	Nursing band
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2024-25	£1,893	Mental Health Ward	Single (RGN) Agency Code
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ii. Please outline or name the specialist area this cost was for, if relevant, for example paediatrics, frailty ward, emergency care, etc.

Please see the above tables.

iii. Please outline which nursing band (i.e. band 5, band 6 etc.) this cost was for. **We are unable to provide the banding as a single agency code is used for Agency Registered Nurses.**

Please lay out the information in a table if possible, per the example below:

Year	Highest amount paid for agency nursing shift band 5 or above	Specialist area/ nursing speciality paid for	Nursing band
2023-24	£3,000	Emergency care	Band 5
2024-25	£5,000	Paediatric nurse	Band 6

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

Further information is available from the Information Commissioner's Office who 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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Yours sincerely



Hywel Pullen
Deputy Director of Finance

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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.