



Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.306.26

20 August 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 28 July 2026, 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 the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. Please provide the following information:

Q1. The total amount spent on agency staff during the current financial year to date.- **£2,037,000.**

Q2. A breakdown of this agency expenditure by staff group and by month. **Please see below table. Please note the spend is for the latest completed month end (June 2026) and includes both supplier payments and accruals:**

Agency Spend	£'000s		
	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
Consultant (Medical & Dental)	355	327	327
Registered Nurses	153	159	101
Nursing Health Care/Health Care Support Worker	74	67	51
Allied Health Professionals	97	117	101
Additional Professional Scientific & Technical	23	26	30
Healthcare Scientists	7	12	10

Q3. The total number of agency workers engaged by the Health Board during the current financial year to date, broken down by staff group.

Staff Group	Headcount
Add Prof Scientific & Tech	5
Additional Clinical Services	89
Allied Health Professionals	17
Healthcare Scientist	2
Medical & Dental	12
Nursing & Midwifery Registered	72
Grand Total	197

Q4. The Health Board's forecasted agency staffing expenditure for the remainder of the current financial year, if available.

Forecast agency staffing expenditure for the remainder of this financial year could be £6M based on the straight-lined Quarter 1 spend to date. However, potential future spend could be impacted by any changes in substantive and bank spend, in addition to other mitigating service action.

Q5. Details of any internal targets, caps, or reduction targets relating to agency staffing expenditure currently in place.

I can confirm that PTHB plans to achieve the current Welsh Government target, which is to reduce agency expenditure by at least 30% from last year's levels.

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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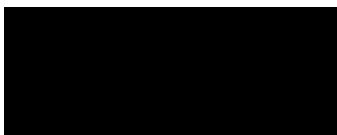
charge a fee for the re-use of some information which it deems to be of commercial value.

Further information including a sample license terms and fees can be found at [Open Government Licence](#).

Yours sincerely



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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.