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Subject:	Agency nurses
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Requested:

Please can you provide me with the following information if possible:

1. The total trust spend on agency nurses in 2019, 2020, 2021.
2. What is the breakdown in types of nurses for the above, e.g RGN, A&E, ITU, Community, Mental Health, paedics etc?
3. Which agencies have the highest agency spend for temporary nurses?
4. What is the current model for dealing with agency staff, such as NHSP / temporary staffing or other such as master or neutral vendor?
5. The total off framework agency spend on nurses in 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022
6. Current agency spend on temporary staffing for nurses in 2022
7. Current off framework spend on temporary staffing for nurses in 2022

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the total agency nursing spend and a breakdown of nursing area, during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Nursing area	2019	2020	2021
Unscheduled Care	£12,256,000.00	£13,187,000.00	£21,483,000.00
Critical Care	£1,863,000.00	£1,156,000.00	£2,010,000.00
Community Nursing	£215,000.00	£309,000.00	£572,000.00
Mental Health & Learning Disabilities	£63,000.00	£2,000.00	£213,000.00
Paediatrics	£164,000.00	£266,000.00	£385,000.00
Scheduled Care	£420,000.00	£841,000.00	£545,000.00
Field Hospitals	£0.00	£48,000.00	£126,000.00
Other (uncoded)	£1,639,000.00	£1,567,000.00	£3,418,000.00
Total	£16,620,000.00	£17,376,000.00	£28,752,000.00

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the five (5) agencies with the highest spend for agency nurses, during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Agency	2019	2020	2021
Wimborne Nursing Agency Ltd	£2,137,000.00	£2,821,000.00	£4,504,000.00
Thornbury Nursing Services Ltd	£1,763,000.00	£2,512,000.00	£4,682,000.00
Next Step Nursing Ltd	£1,972,000.00	£2,344,000.00	£3,150,000.00
Concept Care Solutions Ltd	£1,283,000.00	£2,031,000.00	£2,341,000.00

ASA Medical Solutions Ltd	£1,131,000.00	£1,535,000.00	£1,850,000.00
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4. The UHB confirms that agency staff are engaged via the agencies provided by the All Wales Nurse Framework, procured by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP).

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total Off-Framework spend for agency nurses, during the calendar years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

	2019	2020	2021
Off- Framework spend	£2,563,000.00	£2,314,000.00	£7,294,000.00

6. The UHB confirms that the current agency nursing spend is £12,716,000.00, from 1 January to 31 May 2022.

7. The UHB confirms that the current Off-Framework agency nursing spend is £2,210,000.00, from 1 January to 31 May 2022.