

Reference:	FOI.14222.24
Subject:	Agency nursing spend
Date of Request:	16 April 2024

Requested:

1. In 2024 so far what has been your total spend on agency Nursing staffing?
2. In 2024 so far what has been your total spend on agency HCA staffing?
3. How much of the agency Nursing spend was off framework?
4. How much of the agency HCA spend was off framework?
5. For what specialities have you used agency nursing i.e. A&E, General Nursing, ITU?
6. What protocols does the trust have in place to control off framework usage?
7. Who are the framework agencies that fill at the Health Board?
8. Who are the off framework agencies that fill at the Health Board?
9. In what time frame do you request shifts from an off framework agency?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that the total spend on agency nurses was £5,090,478.48, during the period 1 January to 31 March 2024.
2. The UHB confirms that the total spend on agency Health Care Support Workers (HCSW) was £110,181.80, during the period 1 January to 31 March 2024.
3. & 4. The UHB confirms that the off-framework spend for nurses and HCSW was £0.00, as no off-framework agencies have been used during the period 1 January to 31 March 2024.
5. The UHB confirms that the specialties it has used agency nurses for are Accident and Emergency (A&E), General Nursing, Theatres, Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU), Mental Health (MH) and Paediatrics.
6. The UHB confirms that it does not use off-framework agencies.
7. As this information is already within the public domain, the UHB has applied a Section 21 exemption of the FoIA. The UHB has answered a similar Freedom of Information request, FOI.13640.24 - Agency nurse spend, which is available on our disclosure log.

For ease of reference, please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the UHB's disclosure log webpage:

[Disclosure Log - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/disclosure-log/hywel-dda-university-health-board)

8. & 9. Please see response to question 6.