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Requested

1. Which agency filled the most nursing shifts at your Trust in the last 30 days and how many hours or shifts did they fill?

2. How many of the shifts filled by agency nurses in the last 30 days were above cap?

3. Which wards or departments and sites within your Trust utilised agency nurses in the last 30 days and how many shifts were booked on each?

4. How many nursing shifts were filled by Framework agencies above the 50% NHS Improvement increased caps in the last 30 days?

5. Please list the nursing agencies utilised in the last 30 days above the 50% increased NHS Improvement capped rates by your Trust.

6. Are there any other services linked to your Trust that utilise on or off contract suppliers in excess of the 50% NHS I cap? These services could include prisons, or community based services. If so please provide a list of these services and the amount of nursing shifts filled in each in the last 30 days.

Response:

NHS Improvement is working in conjunction with NHS England to implement agency price caps. This does not apply to NHS Wales Health Boards. Hywel Dda University Health Board (the UHB) is therefore unable to provide responses to questions 2, 4, 5 & 6.

1. At the time of your request, the agency that filled the most nursing shift was Next Steps Agency, filling 457 shifts.

3. Attachment 1 provides a breakdown of the wards and departments who utilised agency nurses during the 30 days prior to the submission of your request, together with the number of shifts booked by each department.