

Reference:	FOI.6644.21
Subject:	Nursing agency usage
Date of Request:	9 August 2021

Requested:

Can you please provide me with the below information?

- 1a. Who is the head of procurement at Hywel Dda UHB, Carmarthen responsible for approving Nursing agency usage?
- 1b. Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service at Hywel Dda UHB, Carmarthen?
2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) and (b)
3. Have you used Off-framework nursing agency staff in the last 7 months at Hywel Dda UHB, Carmarthen?
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between August 2020 – March 2021
 - a. RGN's
 - b. RCN's
 - c. RN's and
 - d. RMN
 - e. Specialist RN (ITU)
 - f. Specialist RN (A&E)
5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between January 2021 – July 2021?

Response:

- 1a. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that the UHB's procurement service is provided by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP), with the UHB's lead being Alan Binks, Head of Procurement. However, the UHB's agency nurses are sourced via an established Framework arrangement and not through the Procurement Department.
- 1b. The UHB confirms that the manager responsible for temporary staff is Daniel Owen, Senior Workforce Manager Bank and E-Rostering.
2. The UHB provides the contact details requested below:
 - Alan Binks – 01267 227636 or by email: alan.binks@wales.nhs.uk
 - Daniel Owen – 01267 239868 or by email: Daniel.owen@wales.nhs.uk

3. The UHB confirms that it has used Off-Framework nursing agency staff during the last seven (7) months.
4. The UHB is unable to provide a breakdown of nursing specialities for a. to d. as requested, as the information is not recorded in the manner required. However, the UHB provides, within the table below, the Off-Framework agency spend for all agency Registered Nurses (RN), Specialist Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU) Nurses and Specialist Accident and Emergency (A&E) Nurses, during the period August 2020 and March 2021.

Speciality	Spend
Registered Nurse	£1,556,235.00
Specialist RN (ITU)	£62,592.00
Specialist RN (A&E)	£333,193.00

5. The UHB does not hold the information requested, as the systems are not able to report on unfilled shift rates for shifts offered to Off-Framework agencies.