

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.11323.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Nursing and care Off framework usage
<b>Date of Request:</b>	20 March 2023

**Requested:**

1. In the last 60 days how many hours has your trust utilised Thornbury Nursing Services for agency nurses?
2. In the last 60 days which wards, departments were these TNS requests for?
3. Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by Thornbury Nursing Services?
4. In the last 60 days has your Trust utilised any other off framework provider for agency nurses? If yes, please name these providers.
5. Please can you confirm how many shifts have been released/allocated to off framework agencies within the last 60 days?
6. In the last 60 days which wards, or departments were these off framework requests for?
7. Please can you confirm how many nursing shifts have been filled by off framework agencies within the last 60 days?
8. How many long-term lines of work or block bookings are currently being supplied by off framework agencies?
9. Which off framework agencies is the trust currently utilising for Nursing vacancies and what is the spend on these agencies year to date?
10. What is the average charge for both RMN's and RGN's from off framework agencies?
11. Who at director level is responsible for patient safety and staffing levels?

**Response:**

As some of this information is already within the public domain, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means. The UHB has answered a similar Freedom of Information request FOI.11231.23 - agency staffing, with the information included for questions 2, 3, 4 and 6 of your request, 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://nhs.uk/disclosure-log)

The responses for the questions not covered have been provided below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of hours the UHB utilised agency nurses provided by Thornbury Nursing Services (TNS) for, during the months of January and February 2023.

Period	Hours
January 2023	7,956
February 2023	6,034

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of shifts that were released to Off framework agencies, during the months of January and February 2023.

Period	Shifts
January 2023	1,954
February 2023	1,216

7. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of shifts that were filled by Off framework agencies, during the months of January and February 2023.

Period	Shifts
January 2023	846
February 2023	656

8. The UHB confirms that it currently has no long-term lines of work or block bookings that require filling by Off-framework agencies.
9. The UHB provides, within the table below, the names of the agencies it is currently utilising to fill nursing shifts and the spend, for the period 1 April 2022 to 28 February 2023.

Agency	Spend
TNS	£6,575,000.00
Liquid Personnel	£87,000.00

10. The UHB provides, within the table below, the current Off framework hourly rates for Band 5 Registered Nurses, by shift time.

Shift time	Hourly rate
Monday to Friday - 8am to 2pm	£57.95
Monday to Thursday – 2pm to 8am	£72.45
Weekend – Friday 2pm to Monday 8am	£76.45

11. The UHB confirms that Mandy Rayani, Executive Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience, has overall responsibility for patient safety and staffing levels.