

Reference:	FOI.12317.23
Subject:	Occupational Therapy (OT) agency usage,
Date of Request:	31 July 2023

Requested:

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Occupational Therapy department?
2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Occupational Therapy department at all hospitals associated with the Trust for the following areas within Occupational Therapy:
 - Acute Medical / Surgical
 - Community
 - Neuro / Stroke Rehab
 - Elderly Care
 - Mental Health
 - Paediatric
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 1 and 2.
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Occupational Therapy from June 2022 - June 2023
5. What agencies were providing the Off-Framework services.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) uses agencies that are approved by the All Wales Framework contract for Registered Nurses and Health Care Support Workers. Any arrangements outside of this Framework require approval from Lisa Gostling, Executive Director of Workforce and Organisational Development.
2. The UHB confirms that Claire Sims, Head of Occupational Therapy, is responsible for agency usage across the services listed.
3. Contact information for the UHB's Executive Directors is already within the public domain. Therefore, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means. For ease of reference, the links have been provided below, which will take you to the relevant webpages:

[Board members - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](#)

Contact details for Claire Sims, Head of Occupational Therapies, are as follows:

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4. & 5. The UHB confirms that it did not use Off-Framework agencies for Physiotherapy Services, during the period of 1 June 2022 to 30 June 2023.