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Subject:	Staff and agency information
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Requested:

- 1a. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving AHP agency usage?
- 1b. Secondly, who is the temporary / flexible staffing lead responsible for the management of this service?
2. Please can you provide the contact number and email address in relation to both question 1 (a) & (b)
3. Have you used Off-framework Allied Health agency staff between January 2021- December 2021?
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between January 2021 – December 2021: (a) Physiotherapy (b) Occupational Therapy (c) Pharmacy (d) Radiography
5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 4, how many Off-framework posts have been unfilled between January 2021 – December 2021?

Response:

1a. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms the Procurement does not approve Allied Health Professional (AHP) agency usage. The UHB's individual department managers authorise AHP agency usage where it is needed.

Alan Binks, Head of Procurement in NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) provides expert procurement advice and support in the field of AHP agency usage; however, this role is advisory in nature.

1b. The UHB confirms that Annmarie Thomas, Assistant Director of Workforce Resourcing and Utilisation is responsible for the management of temporary/flexible staffing.

2. The UHB provides, the email address and contact telephone number below:

- Alan.Binks@wales.nhs.uk - 01267 227636
- Annmarie.thomas@wales.nhs.uk – 01267 239700

3. The UHB confirms that no off-framework agency staff have been utilised, during the period 1 January to 15 December 2021.

4. Not applicable.

5. Not applicable.