

Reference:	FOI.8674.22
Subject:	Staff and agency information
Date of Request:	8 April 2022

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 4 months at Hywel Dda UHB, Carmarthen?
4. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for each of the following staff groups between December 2021 –March 2022 (a) Theatre Scrub/Recovery/ Anaesthetic nurse (b) Midwifery (c) Chemotherapy Nurse
5. Following the same breakdown of staff groups in Question 3, how many Off-framework shifts have been unfilled between December 2021 –March 2022?

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 who provides expert procurement advice and support in the field of nursing agency usage. However, the UHB's agency nurses are sourced via an established Framework arrangement and not through the Procurement Department.
- 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 for the individuals referred to in question 1(a) and (b):
 - Alan.Binks@wales.nhs.uk - 01267 227636
 - Annmarie.thomas@wales.nhs.uk – 01267 239700
3. The UHB confirms that it has utilised off-framework agency staff, during the period 1 December 2021 to 31 March 2022.
4. The UHB confirms that there was no off-framework agency spend on Theatre, Midwifery or Chemotherapy Nurses, during the period 1 December 2021 to 31 March 2022.

5. The UHB confirms that it does not hold the information for off-framework unfilled shifts for the staff groups Theatres, Midwifery or Chemotherapy as requested in question 4, as the system is not able to report on this data.