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Subject:	Theatre staffing
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Requested:

1. Breakdown of shifts (numbers only) filled by individual nursing agencies (by name of agency) in Trust operated theatre wards for 'Surgical First Assistants', Operating Department Practitioners' and 'SCRUB Nurses' for 1st March 2021 to 30th April 2021.
2. Individual charge rates for nursing agencies for theatre staff for 1st March 2021 to 30th April 2021.
3. Number of shifts filled by individual 'Off Framework Agencies' for 1st March 2021 to 30th April 2021.
4. Total cost for each Nursing Agency used by theatre departments for the financial year April 2020 to April 2021.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of theatre agency shifts, by agency, during the period 1 March to 30 April 2021.

Name of agency	Number of shifts
ASA Medical Solutions Agency	20
Concept Care Solutions	83
ID Medical	10
Next Steps Nursing Agency	44
Richmond Nursing Agency	16
Wimborne Nursing Agency	38
Your World Recruitment Agency	7
Total	218

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the agency hourly rates paid (excluding VAT), in accordance with the All Wales Agency On-Contract Framework, for registered staff and Operating Department Practitioners (ODP), for the months of March and April 2021.

Shift	Hourly rate
Weekday – day shift	£30.30
Weekday – night shift	£39.39
Saturday	£39.39
Sunday	£48.47
Bank holidays	£48.47

3. The UHB confirms that no theatre agency shifts were covered by Off-Framework agencies.
4. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the theatre departments' agency costs, by agency, for the financial year 2020/21.

Agency	Costs
ASA Medical Solutions Agency	£45,200.42
Concept Care Solutions	£258,343.00
CRG Healthcare & Medical Staffing LTD	£31,215.98
MEDSOL Healthcare Services LTD	£4,619.37
MPS Healthcare LTD	£655.59
Next Steps Nursing Agency	£23,059.98
Richmond Nursing Agency	£38,980.83
Wimborne Nursing Agency	£6,162.24
Your Nurse LTD	£192.61
Your World Recruitment Agency	£200,989.21
Total	£609,419.23