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**Information requested:**

This is a Freedom of Information request regarding the amount of money spent on nursing shifts from outside agencies.

How many nursing shifts (for nurses of any grade) have you needed to cover with agency staff from 31st March 2015, to 31st March 2016?

How much did you spend in total on agency staff between 31st March 2015 and 31st March 2016?

Did you use Medacs Healthcare plc to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2015 to 31st March 2016, and if so how much did you pay them in total?

Did you use Mayday Healthcare plc to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2015 to 31st March 2016, and if so how much did you pay them in total?

Did you use Imperial Medical Staffing to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2015 to 31st March 2016, and if so how much did you pay them in total?

Did you use Thornbury Nursing Services to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2015 to 31st March 2016, and if so how much did you pay them in total?

Did you use Team 24 Healthcare to provide temporary nursing cover from 31st March 2015 to 31st March 2016, and if so how much did you pay them in total?

From 31st March 2015 to 31st March 2016, what is the highest day rate you have paid for an agency nurse shift and to which agency was this paid?
Are there any duties that an agency nurse would not be allowed to carry out that a staff nurse of the same rank would be?

**Information provided for the answer**

I can now confirm that Public Health Wales does not use bank or agency nurses in any of our Screening divisions. Therefore we do not hold the information you are seeking.

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