

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-764

30 October 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

For the financial year 2021/2022:

Q#	Question	Your answer
1	Did you use an external VAT/ tax advisor? (If no, please disregard all other questions for this financial year)	Yes
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£46,000
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	Berthold Bauer
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	Ad hoc
	<i>If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is 'contract', then:</i>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	VAT

For the financial year 2022/ 2023:

Q#	Question	Your answer
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1	Did you use an external VAT/ tax advisor? (If no, please disregard all other questions for this financial year)	Yes
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£107,000
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	RSM
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	Contract
	<i>If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is 'contract', then:</i>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	December 2022
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	3 years + 1 year
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	Crown Commercial Service – Management Consultancy Framework
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	VAT

For the financial year 2023/ 2024:

Q#	Question	Your answer
1	Did you use an external VAT/ tax advisor? (If no, please disregard all other questions for this financial year)	Yes
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£118,000
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	RSM
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	Contract
	<i>If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is 'contract', then:</i>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	December 2022
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	3 years + 1 year
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	Crown Commercial Service – Management Consultancy Framework

6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	VAT
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Year to date for financial year 2024/2025:

Q#	Question	Your answer
1	Are you using an external VAT/ tax advisor? (If no, please disregard all other questions for this financial year)	Yes
2	What is your forecast FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£100,000
3	What is the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	RSM
4	Are these advice service(s) procured on a contract or ad hoc basis?	Contract
	<i>If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is 'contract', then:</i>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	December 2022
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	3 years + 1 year
5c	Is there an option to extend the contract?	Yes
5d	If already expired, do you plan to procure a new contract?	NA
5e	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	Crown Commercial Service – Management Consultancy Framework
6	What support/advice is included in the contract?	VAT

Please provide the information by completing the tables above

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street

Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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