

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

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	Yes
	questions for this financial year)	
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£40k
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	Ad hoc
	If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is	
<i>-</i> .	'contract', then:	NI/A
5a	What was the contract start date?	N/A
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	N/A
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	N/A
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	 Development of professional working relationships with key personnel Development of a proactive and innovative VAT strategy within your departments to ensure that VAT is not an afterthought in contract negotiations and procurement Timely consideration of new VAT saving opportunities and developments Providing a VAT advisory team made up of experienced and qualified individuals deemed necessary for the services required Regular reviews by senior team members Maximum VAT recovery on expenditure in a timely manner Timely responses to all work requests and VAT queries Advice and assistance to enable the Trust to take reasonable care in ensuring your VAT



	returns and your dealings with HMRC are correct in order to mitigate potential VAT penalties • Minimising unnecessary VAT costs • Compliance with VAT declarations on relevant non-NHS income • Development of your in-house VAT knowledge • Meeting statutory VAT deadlines • Clarity of management information • Maintaining a clear open dialogue with
	HMRC Value for money

For the financial year 2022/ 2023:

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 £157k CRS VAT Consulting Under contract utilising the East of England Collaborative Procurement Hub (EOECPH) framework, Analysis & Reconciliation	
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)		
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?		
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?		
	If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is 'contract', then:	Procurement	
5a	What was the contract start date?	1 Jan 2023	
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31 March 2026	
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	ЕОЕСРН	
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	 Development of professional working relationships with key personnel Development of a proactive and innovative VAT strategy within your departments to ensure that VAT is not an afterthought in contract negotiations and procurement Timely consideration onew VAT saving opportunities and developments 	



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1	Did you use an external VAT/ tax advisor? (If no, please disregard all other	Yes
	questions for this financial year)	
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£67k
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	Under contract utilising the East
		of England Collaborative
		Procurement Hub (EOECPH)
		framework, Analysis &
		Reconciliation
	If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is	Procurement
	'contract', then:	
5a	What was the contract start date?	1 Jan 2023
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31 March 2026
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	ЕОЕСРН



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	of experienced and qualified individuals
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	the services required
	 Regular reviews by
	senior team membersMaximum VAT
	recovery on expenditure
	in a timely manner
	• Timely responses to all
	work requests and VAT
	queries
	 Advice and assistance to enable the Trust to take
	reasonable care in
	ensuring your VAT
	returns and your
	dealings with HMRC are correct in order to
	mitigate potential VAT
	penalties
	 Minimising unnecessary VAT costs
	• Compliance with VAT
	declarations on relevant non-NHS income
	Development of your
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	knowledge
	Meeting statutory VAT deadlines
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	information
	 Maintaining a clear
	open dialogue with
	HMRC
	 Value for money

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 (£)	Will be dependent on review outcomes
3	What is the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting
4		Under contract utilising the East of England Collaborative Procurement Hub (EOECPH) framework, Analysis &
	Are these advice service(s) procured on a contract or ad hoc basis?	Reconciliation
	If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to Q. 4 is 'contract', then:	Procurement
5a	What was the contract start date?	1 Jan 2023
b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31 March 2026
С	Is there an option to extend the contract?	No
d	If already expired, do you plan to procure a new contract?	N/A
e	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	ЕОЕСРН
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