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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

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 (£)	16474.51
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting Ltd
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?	1.4.21
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31.3.22
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	Local quote exercise undertaken
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	Financial, Commercial & Related Consultancy Lot C2 - Tax and VAT

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
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	7872.82
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting Ltd
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?	1.4.22
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31.3.23
	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	Local quote exercise undertaken
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	Financial, Commercial & Related Consultancy Lot C2 - Tax and 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 (£)	12233.36
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting Ltd
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?	1.4.24
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	1.4.26

5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	NOEI.0570.0 Consultancy and Associated Services
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	Financial, Commercial & Related Consultancy Lot C2 - Tax and VAT

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 (£)	3150.37 pa core + any further review
3	What is the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	CRS VAT Consulting Ltd
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?	1.4.24
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31.3.26
5c	Is there an option to extend the contract?	Yes, for 2 yrs
5d	If already expired, do you plan to procure a new contract?	N/A
5e	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	NOEI.0570.0 Consultancy and Associated Services
6	What support/advice is included in the contract?	Financial, Commercial & Related Consultancy Lot C2 - Tax and VAT

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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