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Dear,

**Request for Information**

I write further to your request FOI ID 45885 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

External VAT/Tax Advisor

Your request is set out below:

**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)	<b>Yes</b>
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	<b>£36,390.37</b>
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	<b>Berthold Bauer VAT Consultants Ltd</b>
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	<b>Contract</b>
	<b><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></b>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	<b>01.04.2019</b>
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	<b>31/03/2022</b>
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	<b>East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub Analysis &amp; Reconciliation Services</b>
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	<b>VAT</b>

**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	<b>Yes</b>

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	questions for this financial year)	
2	What was the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	<b>£21,065.39</b>
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	<b>Berthold Bauer VAT Consultants Ltd</b>
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	<b>Contract</b>
	<b><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></b>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	<b>01.04.2022</b>
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	<b>31.03.2024</b>
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	<b>East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub Analysis &amp; Reconciliation Services</b>
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	<b>VAT</b>

**For the financial year 2023/ 2024:**

<b>Q#</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Your answer</b>
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 (£)	<b>£29,763.79</b>
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	<b>Berthold Bauer VAT Consultants Ltd</b>
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	<b>Contract</b>
	<b><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></b>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	<b>01.04.2022</b>
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	<b>31.03.2024</b>
5c	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	<b>East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub Analysis &amp; Reconciliation Services</b>
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	<b>VAT</b>

**Year to date for financial year 2024/2025:**

<b>Q#</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Your answer</b>
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 (£)	<b>£32,349.91</b>
3	What is the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	<b>Berthold Bauer VAT Consultants Ltd</b>
4	Are these advice service(s) procured on a contract or ad hoc basis?	<b>Contract</b>
	<b><i>If the answer to Q. 4 is 'ad hoc' please go directly to Q. 6. If the answer to</i></b>	

	<b>Q. 4 is 'contract', then:</b>	
5a	What was the contract start date?	<b>01.04.2022</b>
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	<b>31.03.2025</b>
5c	Is there an option to extend the contract?	<b>No</b>
5d	If already expired, do you plan to procure a new contract?	<b>Yes/ No</b>
5e	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	<b>East of England NHS Collaborative Procurement Hub Analysis &amp; Reconciliation Services</b>
6	What support/advice is included in the contract?	<b>VAT</b>

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of  
The Information Governance Department