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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 7th October 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information about North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust.

Please provide the information by completing the tables provided and returning to me.

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. 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: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. 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.

Yours sincerely



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		2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1	Did you use/ are you using an external VAT/ tax advisor? (If no, please disregard all other questions for this financial year)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	What was/ is forecast the FY spend on VAT/ tax advice (£)	£38.8k	£24.7k	£26.3k	£25k estimated
3	What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?	Liaison Financial	Liaison Financial	Liaison Financial	Liaison Financial
4	Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?	Contract	Contract	Contract	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/ is the contract start date?	31/07/2021	01/04/2022	27/06/2023	01/04/2024
5b	What was/ is the contract end date?	31/03/2022	26/06/2023	31/03/2024	31/03/2025
5c	Is there an option to extend the contract?				No
5d	If already expired, do you plan to procure a new contract?				N/A
5e	Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?	CCS	SBS	SBS	SBS
6	What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?	VAT	VAT	VAT	VAT