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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 15 November 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding financial services. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am researching financial efficiencies of the public sector. Please provide the following information under the FOI act.

1) Does the organisation use an external provider for VAT advisory services? If so please state the name of the organisation used (E.g. Liaison, CRS, Berthold Bauer, KPMG)?

Answer: BDO (UK)

2) Please state the contract start and end date?

Answer: 04/10/2017 to 03/10/2019

3) Please state the name of the finance system used?

Answer: Oracle

4) If the Trust has an external AP provider please state the name of the organisation used (E.g. SBS, Serco)

Answer: The AP function is provided in house.

5) Please state the total number of Accounts Payable invoices processed / posted by the organisation in the last financial year?

Answer: 87,224 CDDFT invoices processed

6) What was the value of adjustments identified by your external VAT advisor for each the following:

- **Contracted out Services Underclaims:** £146,394
- **Capital Underclaims:** Not separately identified
- **Contracted out Services Overclaims:** £32,083
- **Input Tax recovery:** £1,348
- **Reverse Charge/ Acquisition tax adjustments:** £0
- **Output Tax adjustments:** Not reviewed

7) Did the organisation use an external provider to re-review VAT adjustments in the last financial year and if so state the name of the company used?

Answer: Liaison

8) Please state the total amount of additional VAT identified by this provider split into underclaims and overclaims?

Answer: Information provided for 2017/18 – the last financial year.

- Contracted out Services Underclaims £287,039
- Contracted out Services Overclaims £33,920

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
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If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113
Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer