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Thank you for your request concerning VAT/ Tax Advice.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

**For the financial year 2021/2022 / 2022/2023 / 2023/24:**

**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 (£) ?**

2021/22	£22,701.40
2022/23	£24,606.73
2023/24	£27,791.24

**3 What was the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?**

Berthold Bauer.

**4 Was this advice procured on a contract or an ad hoc basis?**

This was on a contract 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:**

**5a What was the contract start date?**

Unknown but the Trust had used Berthold Bauer for over 10 years .

**5b What was/ is the contract end date?**

31/03/2024

**5c Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?**

East of England framework.



**6 What support/advice was included in the contract (e.g. VAT, Corporation tax, National Insurance)?**

VAT only

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

**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 (£)**

New contract not yet available .

**3 What is the name of the primary VAT/ tax advice supplier?**

CRS VAT

**4 Are these advice service(s) procured on a contract or ad hoc basis?**

This is on a contract 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:**

**5a What was the contract start date?**

01/04/2024

**5b What was/ is the contract end date?**

31/03/2026

**5c Is there an option to extend the contract?**

Yes .

**5d If already expired, do you plan to procure a new contract?**

Not applicable.

**5e Which framework agreement was used for contract procurement?**

East of England framework.

**6 What support/advice is included in the contract?**

VAT only.

In both cases we paid fees on a % of recovery basis.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

**Deborah Anthony**

**Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please click [here](#).