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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 request: Financial efficiency

With reference to your request for information, dated 24th June 2016, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to inform you of the outcome of your information request.

You asked the following:

- 1) *Does the organisation use an external provider for VAT advisory services? If so please state the name of the organisation used? (E.g. Ernst Young, Berthold Bauer, Liaison, CRS, KPMG etc.)?*
- 2) *Please state the contract start and end date.*
- 3) *Please confirm the total value of VAT recovered by the provider in 2015/16*
 - a. *Please state the total value of under-claims recovered*
 - b. *Please state the total value of over-claims recovered*
- 4) *Please state the total amount spent by the organisation for these services in 2015/16*
- 5) *Did the organisation use an external provider to re-review VAT recovered in the last financial year (15/16)?*
 - a. *If so please state the name of the company used.*
- 6) *Please state the total amount of additional VAT recovered by the provider in 2015/16*
- 7) *Please state the total amount spent by the organisation for these services*
- 8) *Please state the total number of Accounts Payable invoices processed by the organisation in the last financial year (15/16)*
- 9) *Please state the total value of Accounts Payable invoices in the last financial year (15/16)*
- 10) *In the last five years, please state the name(s) of all external organisation(s) used to review AP and identify and recover erroneous payments, and the period(s) reviewed by each.*
- 11) *Please state the total value of moneys recovered by each provider in the period(s) reviewed.*
- 12) *Please state the total amount paid to any external parties for this review work.*

Our response:

1. Yes.
2. *Ad hoc (no firm contract in place as the Trust adopts a 'no win no fee' basis).*
3. £5,000,000.
 - a) *Not available, re-review in progress.*
 - b) *Not available, re-review in progress.*
4. *Not available, re-review in progress.*
5. *Yes in the last financial year 2014/15.*
 - a) *CRS.*
6. £350,000.
7. *Commercially sensitive information and therefore exempt under section 43.*
8. *Approximately 55,000.*
9. *Approximately £60,000,000.*
10. *This review is performed internally using software called 'fiscal', we also used a third party company called Rockford Associates.*
11. *Approximately £20,000 for five year period reviewed.*
12. *Commercially sensitive information and therefore exempt under section 43.*

This completes our response to your request for information. If you are unhappy with our response, please write to us giving your reasons and we will address them. If you remain dissatisfied you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner:

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113
http://ico.org.uk/concerns/getting/report_concern_foi

Yours sincerely,

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