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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding operating efficiencies within South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Since the creation of CCGs in 2013 following the Health and Social Care Act in 2012, has the NHS South Sefton CCG merged with any other CCGs?

No

2. 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, RSM etc.)?

- a) Please state the contract start and end date or review period.

[VAT Liaison April 2016-March 2017](#)

- b) Please confirm the total value of VAT recovered by the provider in 2016/17

[£16,059.81](#)

- c) Please state the total amount spent by the organisation for these services in 2016/17

[£2,757.51](#)

3. Did the organisation use an external provider to re-review VAT recovered in the last financial year (16/17)? If so please state the name of the company used.

[Yes, Liaison VAT Consultancy Ltd](#)

4. Please state the total number of Accounts Payable invoices processed by the organisation in the last financial year (16/17)

8,989

5. Please state the total value of Accounts Payable invoices in the last financial year (16/17)

£220,143,961.52

6. Which Finance system is used by NHS South Sefton CCG (Oracle, Agresso, Sage, E-Financial, SAP etc.)

Oracle

7. How many active suppliers are currently on the Supplier Masterfile

NHS South Sefton CCG commissions Shared Business Services (SBS) to provide this service. You may wish to redirect your query to:-

sbs-w.clients@nhs.net

8. How many inactive suppliers are currently on the Supplier Masterfile

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9. Is 3rd party pre-payment software utilised by NHS South Sefton CCG to prevent invoice payment errors from occurring?

- a) If so, please provide contract period

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10. Since 2013, 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.

Liaison VAT Consultancy Ltd

- a) Please state the total value of moneys recovered by each provider in the period(s) reviewed.

£25,983.13

- b) Please state the total amount paid to any external parties/ total cost to of utilising these services, for this review work.

£10,782.46

11. Do you use any external provider to ensure invoices correlate to the contract charges i.e. checking volume discounts have been applied (please state name)?

No

- a) What % fee or rates does the trust pay for this service?

N/A

12. What is annual spend on agency staff during the last financial year – broken down by staffing category?

£77,000

13. How many contracts are currently active at the CCG?

141

14. What internal controls does NHS South Sefton CCG have to prevent payment errors occurring (3 way matching, no PO no PAY, invoice scanning etc.)

Non PO, invoice scanning

15. Please provide a current CCG contact list/organisations structure for finance & procurement departments

Please see Appendix 1

16. Does NHS South Sefton CCG conduct supplier statement reconciliation exercises on any suppliers?

NHS and Non NHS

- a) If so, what selection criteria is adhered to?

NHS – monthly
Non NHS – as required