# Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

#### Reference

18-19003

#### Date sent

08/05/2018

## Subject

National Fraud Initiative and VAT Review

## Details of enquiry

Please provide me with a response to the attached document, these questions are enquiring to into the organisations financial reviews; specially those conducted via the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) and a VAT rereview.

## Response Sent

1. NFI Reviews carried out in 2014 and 2016

| 2016   | Pensions* | Payroll  | Creditors** |
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| Identified by NFI review (£)   | -         | 0  |             |
| Errors followed-up (£)   | -         | 0  |             |
| Total recovered (£)  | -         | 0  |             |
| Recovered by trust   | -         | 0  |             |
| Recovered by third party   | -         | 0  |             |
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| Name of any data analysis and filtering software packages used (e.g. IDEA, ACL etc.) | -         | -  |             |

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- 2. Please describe the organisation's process for following up NFI reviews:
  - a. Who is responsible for this at the trust (name & job title)? Terry Noys, Director of Finance
  - b. How many internal FTEs were required to follow-up on the last review? Not meaningful. We use one staff member to carry out this work as part of their normal duties.
  - c. How many days did it take for the trust or any external auditors used to follow-up and recover money identified by the last NFI review?
  - 4.35 days in 2016
  - \*Pension matches are not reviewed locally, as any fraud would be considered against the NHSBSA, not the Trust
  - \*\* Creditors. No review of creditors undertaken

#### VAT Re-Reviews

- 1. Has the organisation used an external provider for a re-review VAT recovery in 2016/17? If so, please provide the following detail:
  - a. Name of third party provider Liaison
  - b. Total amount of additional VAT recovered by the provider in 16/17; split by
    - i. Overclaims £67,381.65
    - ii. Underclaims £43,498.70
  - How much did the third party invoice for any review work undertaken? £11,690



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- d. How did the third party structure their payment; based on the amount recovered on overclaims, or underclaims, or total amount recovered?
   Based on the amount recovered on overclaims, and underclaims
- e. Was the review charged at a fixed fee or day rate?

framework. No

- A Variable fee, based on recovery amounts.

  f. Did the organisation procure these services through a framework? If so, please state which
- 2. Please list all frameworks that are available to the organisation/those you are currently signed up to, that would allow you to access VAT review services? (ie. analysis and reconciliation framework). East of England Analysis and reconciliation Framework.