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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/06/03.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

HMRC Penalties

1. **Has the organisation received any VAT assessments (VAT to be paid to HMRC) in the last five financial years?**
Yes
2. **Has the organisation received any VAT penalties from HMRC in the last five financial years?**
No
3. **If yes, were any of these suspended penalties?**
N/A
4. **If so, please provide the total value for each of the above for each financial year they were received**
 - a. **2013/14:** N/A
 - b. **2014/15:** N/A
 - c. **2015/16:** N/A
 - d. **2016/17:** N/A
 - e. **2017/18:** N/A

VAT Consultancy

5. **Has the organisation used any external VAT consultancy to review VAT in 2016/17? If so, please provide the following detail:**
 - a. **Name of third party provider**
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 - b. **Total amount of additional VAT recovered by the provider in 16/17 based on its consultancy; split by**
 - i. **Overclaims**
 - ii. **Underclaims**

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c. How much did the third party invoice for any review work undertaken?

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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?

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e. Was the review charged at a fixed fee or day rate?

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f. Did the organisation procure these services through a framework? If so, please state which framework

Yes – East of England Framework

6. 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)

The East of England framework is the only one available to us and that we are signed up to

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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