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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 11th October 2017.

You Asked for:

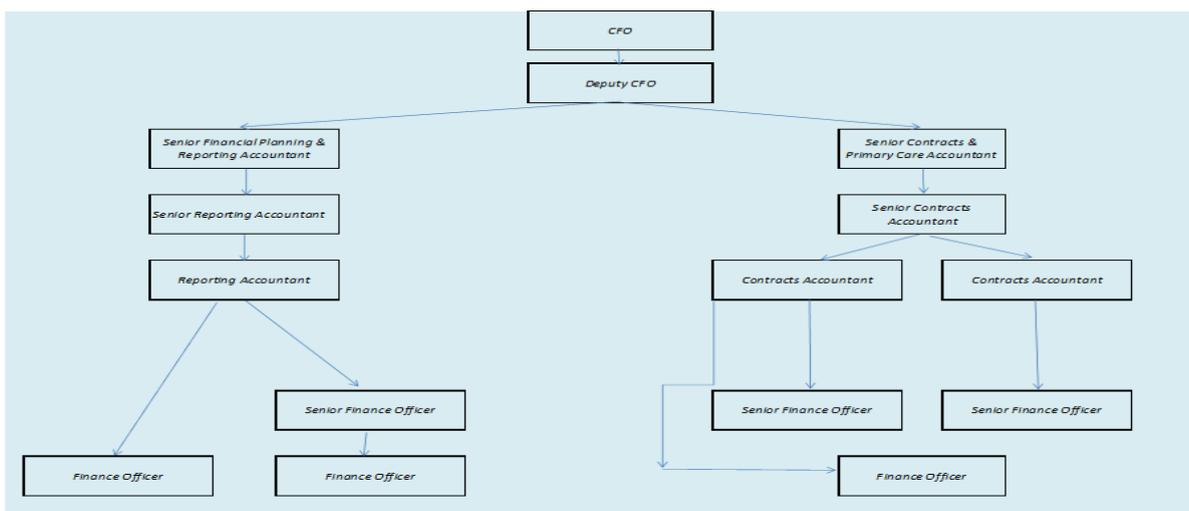
1. Since the creation of CCGs in 2013 following the Health and Social Care Act in 2012, has the NHS Wirral CCG merged with any other CCGs?
2. Does the organisation use an external provider for VAT advisory services? If so please state the name of the organisation used? (E.g. Ernst Young, Berthold Bauer, Liaison, CRS, KPMG, RSM etc.)? –
 - a. Please state the contract start and end date or review period.
 - b. Please confirm the total value of VAT recovered by the provider in 2016/17
 - c. Please state the total amount spent by the organisation for these services in 2016/17
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.
4. Please state the total number of Accounts Payable invoices processed by the organisation in the last financial year (16/17)
5. Please state the total value of Accounts Payable invoices in the last financial year (16/17)
6. Which Finance system is used by NHS Wirral CCG (Oracle, Agresso, Sage, E-Financial, SAP etc.)
7. How many active suppliers are currently on the Supplier Masterfile
8. How many inactive suppliers are currently on the Supplier Masterfile
9. Is 3rd party pre-payment software utilised by NHS Wirral CCG to prevent invoice payment errors from occurring?

- a. If so, please provide contract period
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.
 - a. Please state the total value of moneys recovered by each provider in the period(s) reviewed.
 - b. Please state the total amount paid to any external parties/ total cost to of utilising these services, for this review work.
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)?
 - a. What % fee or rates does the trust pay for this service?
12. What is annual spend on agency staff during the last financial year – broken down by staffing category?
13. How many contracts are currently active at the CCG?
14. What internal controls does NHS Wirral CCG have to prevent payment errors occurring (3 way matching, no PO no PAY, invoice scanning etc.) To be sent to Louise Morris in finance
15. Please provide a current CCG contact list/organisations structure for finance & procurement departments
16. Does NHS Wirral CCG conduct supplier statement reconciliation exercises on any suppliers?
 - a. If so, what selection criteria is adhered to?

Our Response:

1. No.
2. Liaison.
 - a. Start date 01/4/2013, This is a monthly rolling contract.
 - b. £3,122.
 - c. £1,513.
3. No.
4. 13,219 invoices.

5. £438,694,444.
6. Oracle.
7. 1,992 active suppliers.
8. 20 in active suppliers.
9. No.
- a. N/A
10. Liaison - The period reviewed was 1/04/2013 to 30/9/2016.
- a. £18,989.
- b. £4,621 (inc vat).
11. No.
- a. N/A.
12. Admin & clerical spend on agency staff was £121,586.
13. 75 contracts are currently active.
14. Oracle ISFE internal controls - unique invoice number validation, invoice scanning, validating invoice bank details to supplier data bank details, plus individual checking & approval of invoices, and individual review of payment runs.
15. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group outsource it's procurement service to Midlands & Lancashire Commissioning Support unit. For information on Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit, please redirect your request to NHS England via the following link; england.contactus@nhs.net please include the words "Freedom of Information" in the subject line. Please find the team structure for NHS West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group Finance department below;



16. Yes.

a. NHS Agreement of Balances exercise

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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