

## VAT Savings

### Request and Response

In relation to VAT savings solutions for engagement of temporary staff, please provide answers to the following questions.

1. Does your Trust use a VAT solution for doctors / admin and clerical staff / other non-nursing staff groups? Please state the staff group(s).

#### **OUR RESPONSE:**

We use an external VAT Specialist to assist in identifying savings in the procurement of temporary staff

2. If yes, which company do you use (e.g. HB Retinue, STAFF flow, 247 time, NHS Professionals, Liaison, PWC, other)?

#### **OUR RESPONSE:**

We use "Liaison VAT Consultancy Services LTD" as our VAT Specialist

3. In the current financial year, what savings have been achieved through using a VAT savings solution? Please state in pounds (£).

#### **OUR RESPONSE:**

The net savings achieved through the work of Liaison VAT Consultancy Services LTD, including any element of commission paid to them, is set via commercial contract, therefore we are withholding this information as we consider it to be exempt under S43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Public Interest Test has been applied and the Trust considers the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. If the proposed savings were to be published by a third party, not party to the provisions of the contract, and the third party were to publish these savings indicating the providers rates based on non-comparable services to the Trust's Customers, then the agreement of the contract could be hindered or prevented, and the bargaining position of the Trust could be affected.

4. What proportion of the 20% VAT saving is retained by your Trust and how much is taken by the supplier?

#### **OUR RESPONSE:**

See our response to question 3 above