

Personal Service Companies

Request and Response

Please provide, in an excel spreadsheet, the following information about payments made by the Trust to Personal Service Companies over the past five financial years (2011/12 to 2015/16). Please indicate:

1. The date of the payment;
2. The name of the Personal Service Company that payment was made to;
3. The size (£) of the payment;
4. The "Expense Area" and "Expense Type" of the payment.

OUR RESPONSE: Unfortunately, we do not hold the information you require. Personal Service Companies (PSCs) are usually companies set up by individuals who charge for jobs. Many PSCs are engaged through agencies and for the most part the Trust would be unaware the individual operated as a PSC because it pays the agency not the PSC.

The only PSCs we would be aware of are those that the Trust pays at a rate of more than £220 a day in excess of 6 months when we ask the individuals about their circumstances, as required by HM Revenue & Customs.