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**REQUEST & OUR RESPONSE:**

**REQUEST:**

1. Does the authority utilise any 3rd party or 3rd party software to reconcile supplier statements and identify supplier overpayments or unclaimed credits on a regular basis?
2. If yes, please provide the name of the provider/software and a brief description of frequency/level of support.
3. Please provide the current contract end date and the annual value of the contract awarded to the external organisation (or total value and contract length)
4. Does the authority make any checks, either directly or via any 3rd party or 3rd party software, to identify any sanctioned suppliers, both directly and indirectly owned, within the supplier master file?
5. If yes, please provide the name of the provider/software and confirm the frequency of checking.

**OUR RESPONSE:**

1. Yes
2. VAT Liaison undertake bi-annual checking exercises on behalf of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust.
3. Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust currently do not have a contract with VAT Liaison.
4. No, however direct checks are made on fraudulent suppliers when we are made aware by the NHS Counter Fraud Team.
5. Not Applicable