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You asked

1. **Whether tenders were obtained for the provision of external audit services for 2017/18 onwards.**

Tenders were not obtained from 2017/18 onwards as the Trust directly awarded a contract using the SBS Framework Agreement 'Audit Services, Counter Fraud & Well Led Review'.

2. **If so:**

- a. **For what financial years have the auditors been appointed for?**

2017/18 – 2019/20

- b. **What was the change in fees compared to the previous contract?**

There was a 10% reduction on the main audit and charitable funds fee when compared with 2016/17 and a 20% reduction in the quality account fee when compared with 2016/17.

- c. **When evaluating the tenders for the audit contract, what relevant weightings were used for price and quality (e.g. price 40%, quality 60%)?**

Not applicable

3. **If new tenders were not obtained for 2017/18:**

- a. **what were the reasons for this: and**

The Trust has worked with Grant Thornton for a number of years and were very happy with the services provided as well as the reduction in costs offered by using the SBS Framework Agreement.

- b. **whether tenders were obtained for the provision of external audit services for 2018/19 onwards.**

No

4. **If a new audit contract was let from 2018/9:**

a. **for what financial years have the auditors been appointed for?**

As above

b. **What are the change in fees compared to the previous contract?**

As above

c. **When evaluating the tenders for the audit contract, what relevant weightings were used for price and quality (e.g. price 40%, quality 60%)?**

As above

Attachments included: No