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I am responding to your request for information received 12 October 2023. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Question 1:** Please could you provide the name of the firm that is currently contracted by your Trust to provide advice in respect of business rates mitigation and appeals on your own properties.

Answer: Montague Evans LLP.

**Question 2:** May you also provide the date that this contracted started and the contract expiry.

Answer: Contract start date: 1 April 2023.  
Contract expiry date: 31 March 2025.



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