



Our ref: ATISN 20313
Date: 3 April 2024

Dear _____,

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Thank you for your request which was received on 5 March 2024. You asked for the following information, and I have provided a response under each question:

- 1. What software do you use for your payroll, hr and finance solutions, how much annually do you spend on each, when does each contract expire?*

We have a contract with CGI for a semi-managed payroll service. The software used is ePayfact. The contract for this service expires on 30 November 2026 and the annual spend is approximately £263,000.

We have two HR software platforms. One covering recruitment application tracking and one covering wider HR information.

The software used for the application tracking system is Oleeo's Recruit and Engage: Central Government (ATS & CRM). The annual costs can vary, for 2024-25 the figure is expected to be around £140,000. This includes transitional dual running costs as we embed upgrades. The Oleeo contract expires on 2 March 2026.

The software used for the HR information system is Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance and Operations. The annual licence costs can vary, for 2024-25 the figure is expected to be around £400,000. The HR Information system has recurrent licencing costs.

Our finance software is SAP. The SAP contract expires in December 2026 and the annual spend is £309,962.

- 2. Do you manage your payroll in-house or do you outsource it if so, who do you outsource it to?*

We operate a semi-managed payroll service, with CGI as our provider.



3. *How many people do you pay each month using your payroll solution?*

We pay 6,500 employees through our payroll solution each month. The majority of these are Welsh Government staff but we also provide a payroll service for three other bodies, Estyn, Qualifications Wales and the Welsh Revenue Authority.

4. *How many pensioners do you pay using your payroll solution?*

We do not pay pensioners using our payroll solution.

5. *Do you use Microsoft power platform technologies such as Power Automate, Power Virtual Agents?*

Yes, we do use the Microsoft Power Platform technologies.

6. *What is the employee count at the Welsh Government?*

As at 29 February 2024 we have 6142 employees - 5744 permanent and 398 temporary.

7. *Do you collaborate with other organisations in the delivery of HR & Payroll shared services? If so which organisation?*

We provide payroll services for Estyn, Qualifications Wales and the Welsh Revenue Authority.

8. *Do you work with any industry experts such as ATOS, KPMG, EY, Accenture etc?*

In respect of our HR, finance and payroll services we periodically contract with industry specialists; but these are time bound contracts for specific purposes. Currently we have an active time bound contract to support a digital change programme.

The SAP system has a support contract in place with Capgemini. The Pobl system has a support contract in place with Inciper.

9. *Who at the Welsh Government is the head of service for HR and Payroll software or services and what is their role?*

The head of service for HR is Sally-Ann Efstathiou, Deputy Director, HR Planning and Delivery. Management of our payroll contract sits in the Pay and Reward team within Sally-Ann's division.

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Yours sincerely