

Healthcare Sector: A dedicated team with specialist knowledge

As specialists for the healthcare sector we can make the whole tax and accounting process easy and efficient for you. Our aim is to explain accountancy matters in a manner you understand.

PKF Francis Clark provides an award winning tax service. In 2014 we won the Best VAT Team at the national Taxation Awards, adding it to the Tax Award of the Year (non global firm) in the British Accountancy Awards 2012, Best Tax Practice in a regional firm, Tax Writer of the Year in the LexisNexis Taxation Awards 2012 and the LexisNexis award in the category of Best General Tax Practice in 2009. We also provide tax support to over 400 firms of accountants across the UK.

We have many years' experience in all aspects of healthcare.

GP Practices

We are nationally recognised specialists, acting for over 90 GP practices and more than 600 GPs. As specialists in the sector we can make the whole tax and accounting process easy and efficient for you. We employ specialist medical accountants so you don't need to explain the terminology. We are familiar with property issues, partner entries/exits, pensions and tax planning including the NHS Superannuation Scheme and many other areas.

Our aim is to ensure that GPs and Practice Managers receive meaningful financial information to be able to measure performance, including being able to benchmark against up-to-date local data. We are one of the few accounting firms in the region to be members of AISMA (Association of Independent Specialist Medical Accountants).

Consultants

We act for numerous Consultants in the South-West and beyond. With many consultants exploring different trading arrangements like partnerships, LLPs and limited companies we can advise which structures best help the business flourish whilst protecting personal exposure and minimising tax. We have helped with incorporating private practices for maximum tax efficiency, as well as in monitoring exposures to Annual Allowance and Lifetime Allowance tax charges in relation to the NHS Superannuation Scheme alongside personal pensions. Our services aim to help busy consultants to maximise their net income while saving them time and reducing their admin burden.

Care Homes

We have a thorough knowledge of the care home market. With details of over 40 care homes we can benchmark homes to help cross-check performance.

As nationally recognised tax specialists we focus on helping to maximise profits and minimise tax liabilities. We understand that tax issues for care homes are never straight-forward and we ensure we are up-to-date with all relevant issues including hot topics like tax efficient ownership/operation structures, inheritance tax planning, maximisation of entrepreneurs relief, stamp duty land tax mitigation and capital allowances.

Dental Practices

Because we act for more than 40 dentists and practices in the region, we understand the issues and terminology of the industry. We can keep you up-to-date with all the relevant guidelines and identify tax breaks and opportunities to save tax.

Pharmacies & Opticians

It is vital to pharmacists and opticians alike that they are using the most appropriate VAT scheme for their industry.

This can be highly involved and our experts can advise the best solution. In some cases we are able to save our clients significant sums of tax.

We can also help with incorporation of a company, structuring the purchase or sale of a business and dealing with self-employed locums as cover.

"We have found PKF Francis Clark to be very helpful especially recently in terms of plans for the future. Their guidance has been clear and easy to understand and their free training sessions have been very useful."

*Darren Newland
Practice Manager, Abbey Surgery*

Meet the Healthcare Team



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We have been members of the Association of Independent Medical Accountants since 1996, and Luke sits on the Executive Committee which enables him to keep up to date with the latest developments around the country. As part of this role, Luke is often involved in consultations with the government and making responses to proposed changes in legislation that may financially impact the healthcare sector.



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Stuart has wide advisory experience built on dealing with clients for around 30 years, and from his hands-on management roles within PKF Francis Clark. He is particularly interested in the way partnerships work and how to extract the best out of them. His clients comprise mainly GPs, GP practices, consultants, dentists and care homes along with other associated businesses.



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Sharon leads the Exeter healthcare team that deals with GPs, locum GPs, dentists and other healthcare professionals. Her focus is on providing proactive advice covering financial, tax and business perspectives, working to build supportive relationships with clients across the sector.



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