

Reference: IR850

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Use of Edenred

I am writing in response to your request for information dated 8 November 2022 in which you requested information regarding the use of Edenred for a staff reward scheme.

For ease of reference, I have reproduced your questions below in bold and set out our corresponding responses:

The types of vouchers or gift cards that the organisation receives from Edenred, either directly or via the Crown Commercial Service.

Through the Edenred scheme our employee offers include;

- Purchasing shopping/activity vouchers for retail outlets
- Gym discounts
- Purchasing a dental plan with UNUM
- Childcare vouchers (this is now closed to new entrants)
- Cycle to work scheme (salary sacrifice scheme)

The number of each type of voucher or gift cards purchased, and the monetary value of each.

Please note that Audit Wales' contract with Edenred through Crown Commercial Services commenced in September 2021 and therefore we do not hold any information relating to the 2019-20 financial year.

We have provided information below based on reports produced by Edenred. Information is provided to us in terms of calendar years and not financial years.

Shopping vouchers purchased by staff

2021 – 19 orders placed, total spend £4,249, total saving £209 (used in Curry's, John Lewis, The white company, Marks and Spencer, Tesco, Argos, Costa)

2022 – 52 orders placed, total spend £6,487, total savings £340 (used in Curry's, Wickes, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis, Air BnB, JD, B&Q, Mitchells and Butlers Dining, Tesco and Restaurant card)

Childcare vouchers through Edenred

2021:

- October-£1743.33 - 15 people
- November-£1743.33 - 15 people
- December-£1743.33 – 15 people

2022:

- January-£1743.33 – 15 people
- February-£1643.33 – 15 people
- March-£1866.33 - 15 people
- April-£1644.33 – 15 people
- May-£1644.33 – 15 people
- June-£1534.33 – 14 people
- July-£1534.33 – 14 people
- August-£1485.33 – 14 people
- September-£1500.00 – 14 people
- October-£1485.33 – 14 people
- November-£1332.33 – 14 people

The number of staff to receive each gift card or vouchers and the monetary value of the gift cards or vouchers provided.

Please see above – we have provided a breakdown of vouchers purchased, their monetary value and the number of staff who purchased the vouchers.

Monthly payments to the company Edenred

Audit Wales does not pay a monthly fee to Edenred.

If you have any queries, or questions about my handling of your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Information Officer