

Health Service Fraud

Eating into valuable resources

If you have any suspicions or concerns, you can contact the Counter Fraud Team on

0115 883 53 21

or search 'NHS Fraud' online for more information.



November is Fraud Awareness Month within your organisation.

When we say 'fraud', we refer to a range of economic crimes, such as fraud, bribery and corruption, or any other illegal acts committed by an individual or group of individuals to obtain a financial or professional gain.

Globally it costs £3.89 trillion.

Nationally it costs £130 billion.

Within the NHS it costs £1.27 billion – that's the equivalent of:

- 715,000 ECG monitors;
- 40,000 Staff Nurses;
- 22,000 GPs;
- 116,000 hip replacements;
- 40,000 Community Nurses; or,
- 408,000 hospital beds.

This is taxpayers' money that is taken away from patient care and falls into the hands of criminals. While those who commit fraud against the NHS are a minority, they have a serious impact on us all. Experience shows that this minority can include all kinds of people, including patients, NHS staff, contractors and suppliers, members of the public and even organised criminals.

As Counter Fraud Specialists, we are individuals amongst thousands of other staff. For this reason, we rely on staff identifying possible criminal activity that needs to be investigated. You may not be 100% sure but sometimes things just don't feel right. If you suspect a case of NHS Fraud speak to your Counter Fraud Specialist. Alternatively, you can call the NHS Counter Fraud Authority's Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Reporting Line on 0800 028 40 60 or report online at <https://cfa.nhs.uk/reportfraud>.



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