

Fraud in Your NHS Workplace?

Report it!

If you have any suspicions or concerns, you can contact your organisations Counter Fraud Specialist, Taelor Martin, on

0115 883 53 23

or search 'NHS Fraud' online for more information.



November is Fraud Awareness Month within your organisation.

Cybercrime continues to rise in scale and complexity, affecting essential services (such as the NHS), business and private individuals alike. It costs the UK billions of pounds, causes untold damage, and threatens national security. We have seen significant growth in cyber criminality in the form of high-profile ransomware campaigns. In 2017, data breaches leaked personal information on a massive scale leaving victims vulnerable to fraud, while lives were put at risk and services damaged by the WannaCry Ransomware campaign that affected the NHS and many other organisations worldwide.

Cyber criminals seek to exploit human or security vulnerabilities in order to steal passwords, data or money directly. The most common cyber threats include:

- Hacking – including of social media and email passwords;
- Phishing – bogus emails asking for security information and personal details;
- Malicious software – including Ransomware through which criminals hijack files and hold them to ransom; and
- Distributed denial of services (DDOS) attacks against websites – often accompanied by extortion.

But most cyber-attacks could be prevented by following these basic security steps:

- Choose strong passwords and don't reuse them for multiple logins;
- Install security software such as anti-virus and two-factor authentication; and
- Keep all security software and operating systems updated (this can be set to update automatically).

If you have a concern about your work computer or laptops, or bogus emails reaching your work email address, then please report this to your organisation's local IT provider.

Report NHS fraud related matters to your organisation's nominated Counter Fraud Specialist, or the NHS Counter Fraud Authority on 0800 028 40 60 or online [here](#).