

What do I have to do with **Fraud?**

Every employee of the CCG has a duty to be aware of the risk of fraud to the NHS.

Most cases of fraud that are brought to justice result from a member of staff spotting something out of the ordinary and raising their concerns with the Local Counter Fraud Specialist (LCFS), their Line Manager, the Chief Finance Officer or the NHS Protect's National Fraud and Reporting Hotline.

When reporting a fraud you may remain anonymous.

If you are having a team meeting, we would like to attend to provide a short presentation on fraud in the NHS, and the role of all employees in preventing it.

Please call the LCFS for details.

If you suspect fraud please:

DO raise your concerns with the LCFS immediately.

DO make a note of what has raised your suspicions.

However;

DO NOT inform the subject of your suspicions.

DO NOT start to investigate yourself.

What else should I know about **Fraud?**

Legislation

Under the Fraud Act 2006, anybody who dishonestly makes a false representation (i.e. tells a lie) to make a gain for themselves or someone else, may be guilty of an offence. They could get up to 7 years in prison. They may also lose their assets, e.g. home, savings or pension, if they are convicted of fraud, under the Proceeds of Crime Act (2002).

In June 2011, the Bribery Act (2011) came into force. This created new offences, such as bribery of another person, receiving a bribe, bribing of a foreign person and corporate offence of failing to prevent bribery.

For further information, please refer to our pages on the CCG Intranet site.

Here you will find

- Latest information on current fraud issues affecting the NHS in general and the CCG
- The CCG's Counter Fraud Policy and Guidance
- More examples of fraud in the NHS
- Detailed advice on what we would like you to do if you suspect a fraud and information on our activity in the CCG.

There is also useful information available on the NHS Protect's Website:

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk

What do you know about

Fraud?



Did you know fraud costs the NHS **millions** of pounds every year? That is millions of pounds of money that comes from all taxpayers, including **YOU**.

What do you know about **Fraud?**

It is likely that in an average week you will read at least one article that relates to fraud in the NHS. Fraud may include high profile, multi-million pound corruption involving large companies, or an individual working alone to increase their monthly pay. There are hundreds of ways in which criminals can abuse the NHS for their own personal gain, at our expense.

We are all the victims of this crime, as the NHS is paid out of our taxes, and every penny that is taken from the NHS unlawfully is a penny that cannot be spent on patient care.

Many frauds are detected by the colleagues of those committing the fraud. We rely on YOU to report your concerns.



Who commits **Fraud?**

Clinical Director

A medically unqualified Clinical Director was jailed for 27 months after a £361,000 fraud. The man was found to have posed for years as a qualified doctor by hijacking a genuine GP's medical credentials.

Fake Visa

A man who produced a forged visa to study nursing and work in the NHS has received a one year suspended prison sentence following an investigation by NHS Protect. He was also ordered to complete 250 hours of unpaid work and to pay £2,000 in compensation. He pleaded guilty to seven counts of fraud, theft and forgery.

Finance Staff

An NHS financial analyst and four accomplices were sentenced for diverting payments of £61,876.30 in total. The financial analyst received 21 months in prison with the accomplices receiving from 16 weeks to 2 year suspension/jail sentences.

How do I report **Fraud?**

We rely on people like YOU informing us of any suspicious activity. If you have any suspicions of Fraud occurring in Castle Point and Rochford Clinical Commissioning Group, or in other areas of the NHS, please contact us. This can be in confidence.

Also please call us to arrange a Fraud Awareness presentation for your team meeting.

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