

## **FOI 0105 2024 Response**

### **Request**

Hello, I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your organisation. Please may you provide me with:

1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?
2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?
3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract?

### **Response**

Please note that the national fraud initiative takes place every two years and currently there is no date confirmed as to when this will take place. For further details please see link below.

Link:[National Fraud Initiative 2024 to 2025 proposed work programme and scale of fees \(HTML\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Trust is unable to provide the requested information for question 2.

Upon speaking with our Local Counter Fraud Specialist Service we have concluded that there is a heightened risk of fraud or malicious loss if we were to share the controls/ details of controls we have in place with regards to confirmation of payee.

As the Trust is a public funded body, there is an argument that it is in the public interest to not release the details in order to preserve and protect taxpayers' money.

The Trust therefore rely on exemption Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

However, we can confirm that the procedures in place are those that have been guided and instructed by NHS Counter Fraud Authority ([NHS fraud prevention hub | NHS Counter Fraud Authority \(cfa.nhs.uk\)](#)).

In addition to this, we do not have a separate software in place for confirmation of payee. We utilise the built in functionality within the Integra finance system.