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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200728.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

**I would like to request the following information from your organisation under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**All of the information that I have requested, I am aware is readily available and should already have been collated as part of your organisation's recent annual counter fraud SRT submission made to the NHS counter fraud authority.**

**1. Staff headcount at your organisation?**

4688 staff at the end of Aug 2020

**2. Annual budget of your organisation for the financial year 2019-2020?**

£244,143,000 = 2019/20 Expenditure budget

**3. What is your organisation provider type (as recorded on your SRT submission – i.e. Acute teaching, Ambulance)?**

Ambulance

**4. Who provides your organisations counter fraud provision? (In house – NHS consortium – Private provider)**

Private provider

**5. How many days were recorded for proactive counter fraud work (Strategic governance, Inform and Involve & Prevent & Deter) carried out at your organisation during the financial year 2019-20?**

This information is exempt under section 43, as it could prejudice our commercial interests.

**6. How many days were recorded for carrying out reactive investigation work at your organisation during the financial year 2019-20 (hold to account)?**

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**7. How many counter fraud referrals did your organisation receive during the financial year 2019-2020?**

16

**8. What was the recorded fraud loss identified by your organisation during the financial year 2019-2020?**

This information is exempt under section 31, as it could allow a fraudster to draw an inference as to whether or not their offence has been detected but not yet apprehended

**9. What was the amount of fraud losses recovered by your organisation during the financial year 2019-2020?**

£ 0.00

**10. How many criminal sanctions relating to fraud, bribery and corruption did your organisation apply during the financial year 2019-2020?**

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**11. How many disciplinary sanctions relating to fraud, bribery and corruption did your organisation apply during the financial year 2019-2020?**

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**12. What was the cost of counter fraud staffing or outsourced counter fraud provision to your organisation during 2019-2020 for - Strategic Governance, Inform and Involve and Prevent and Deter?**

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**13. What was the costs of counter fraud staffing or outsourced counter fraud provision to your organisation during 2019-20 for - Hold to Account?**

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I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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