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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**1 a) Amount spent on counter fraud services in the financial year 2019/20**

Whilst the Trust holds the information requested, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

**b) How much of this was spent on:**

- (i) Strategic Governance**
- (ii) Involve & Inform**
- (iii) Prevent & Deter**
- (iv) Hold to Account**
- (v) Other**

Section 43(2) applied, please see above.

**c) (i) Number of successful civil sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offences**

There were no criminal or civil actions during the period 2019/20.

**(ii) Amount recovered as a result of these civil sanctions**

Not applicable.

- d) (i) **Number of successful criminal sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offences**

Please see 1c(i) above.

- (ii) **Amount recovered as a result of these criminal sanctions**

Not applicable.

- 2 a) **Amount spent on counter fraud services in the financial year 2020/21**

Section 43(2) applied, please refer to question 1a.

- b) **How much of this was spent on:**

(i) **Strategic Governance**

(ii) **Involve & Inform**

(iii) **Prevent & Deter**

(iv) **Hold to Account**

(v) **Other**

Section 43(2) applied, please refer to question 1a.

- c) (i) **Number of successful civil sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offences**

There were no criminal or civil actions during the period 2020/21.

- (ii) **Amount recovered as a result of these civil sanctions**

Not applicable.

- d) (i) **Number of successful criminal sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offences**

Please see 2c(i) above.

- (ii) **Amount recovered as a result of these criminal sanctions**

Not applicable.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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