

FOI REF: 25/672

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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:

**For the years 2017–2022, please provide:**

**i) Annual trust-level totals:**

- 1. Referrals to the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (count)**
- 2. Number of suspected fraud incidents**
- 3. Number of proven fraud incidents (disciplinary or criminal)**
- 4. £ value lost (total)**
- 5. £ value recovered (total)**

The Trust only started to receive annual reporting that contained any detailed breakdown of activity from its Local Counter Fraud Specialist (LCFS) providers in 2019/20, so holds no information prior to this time. Additionally, it is only in the last couple of years that LCFS providers have been required to routinely record losses and recoveries, and this is reflected in the information that we are able to provide in response to this FOI request. The information that we receive from these annual reports is for financial years (1st April – 31st March) rather than for calendar years.

Following a review of all of the annual reports that have been submitted to us by our LCFS providers since 2017/18 we can provide the following information:

	Annual Trust Levels Totals				
	Referrals to the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (count)	Number of suspected fraud incidents	Number of proven fraud incidents (disciplinary or criminal)	£ value lost (total)	£ value recovered (total)
2017/18	Information not held by the Trust for 2017/18				
2018/19	Information not held by the Trust for 2018/19				
2019/20	0	5	None recorded	None recorded	None recorded
2020/21	8	20	None recorded	None recorded	None recorded
2021/22	8	9	2	£1,029	£1,029
2022/23	13	18	1	None recorded	None recorded

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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