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Subject: Fraud/irregularity metrics

REQUEST

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)

Or:

- i) For each period (monthly is preferred; quarterly is acceptable), please provide:
- 1. Cases opened (count)
- 2. Cases closed (count)
- 3. Closure outcomes counts by category:

[No fraud/irregularity, Management/disciplinary action, Civil recovery pursued Referred for criminal investigation/prosecution, Criminal sanction obtained] 4. Referrals to the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (count) 5. Estimated financial loss/exposure recognised in the period (£) 5. £ value recovered (total)

- ii) Case-level details (each incident):
- 1. Date discovered (DD/MM/YY)
- 2. Discovery method (audit, whistle-blower, analytics, other) 3. Fraud type (procurement, payroll, patient, drug, cyber, other) 4. £ value lost / exposure 5. £ recovered to date
- iii) Payment practice signal

Better Payment Practice Code: percentage of invoices paid later than 30 days, by month.

I would be grateful if the information was supplied in CSV format with the organisational code and financial year.

RESPONSE

For the years 2017-2022, please provide:

Annual trust-level totals:

 Referrals to the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (count)
The Trust does not hold this information but may be available via our NHS Counter fraud Authority who deal with any frauds on behalf of the trust the email is here NHS Counter



- 2. Number of suspected fraud incidents
- 3. Number of proven fraud incidents (disciplinary or criminal)
- 4. £ value lost (total)
- 5. £ value recovered (total) Answers to Questions 2-5 are in the Trust's Anti-Fraud Annual Reports. Please see link below.

https://www.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/annual-report-and-accounts