

Introducing the NHS Counter Fraud Authority – video transcript

[video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYs7EGzYcV8>]

Hello, I'm Sue Frith and I'm the Chief Executive Officer of the new NHS Counter Fraud Authority, or NHSCFA for short.

I am proud to be able to lead this new Special Health Authority in the fight against NHS fraud.

When we talk about NHS fraud, we mean fraud, bribery, corruption or other illegal acts committed by individuals or groups for professional or financial gain.

The NHS has a budget of over 100 billion pounds a year. Imagine how much is lost if just a fraction of that is stolen by criminals.

Our estimate [is] that fraud loss in the NHS is 1.25 billion pounds a year. Now that's enough to fund over 40,000 extra staff nurses or over 5,000 frontline ambulances.

Fraud committed against the NHS takes money away from patient care and puts it in the hands of criminals.

The NHS Counter Fraud Authority is a new organisation. With our new Executive Board we will raise the profile of NHS fraud and we will lead the fight against fraud in the NHS.

We'll be working with our partners on this important work – NHS England, NHS Improvement, NHS Employers and the Department of Health, but most of all we'll be working with NHS colleagues on raising awareness of the problems faced in the prevention and detection of fraud in the NHS.

As we develop our response, with your help, we will become better able to target the weaknesses that fraudsters are exploiting.

This means that more money will go to frontline patient care and less money will go into the hands of criminals.

We can't do it all on our own, you have a big part to play in the fight against fraud.

Simply by reporting your concerns is a big help. If you suspect anyone of committing fraud, bribery, corruption or any other economic crime against the NHS, please tell us about it in complete confidence.

NHS fraud. Spot it. Report it. Together we stop it.