



News Release:

Five NHS cases solved on 'Fraud Squad'

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TODAY at 10am, Monday January 31st 2022 the new series 4 of 'Fraud Squad' kicks off, the hit TV documentary series on BBC One about tackling fraud against the public purse.

There are **five** different NHS fraud investigations on show this time (see the table below).

All 'Fraud Squad' episodes will air at **10am on BBC One**. Four episodes will air before the Winter Olympics, and four after.

Independent production company Brown Bob Productions has been working for several years closely with the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) and its partners, who present real cases on the show to shine a light on fraud against the NHS budget.

With NHS resources fully stretched after a two year Covid pandemic, it is more important than ever to ensure that the NHS budget (of over £100 billion a year) is not diverted from its proper purpose of services for patients. NHSCFA estimates that more than one percent of this budget is vulnerable to fraud every year, which equates to over £1 billion a year.

Previous episodes of 'Fraud Squad' resulted in spikes of people reporting their suspicion of fraud to the NHS Fraud and Corruption Reporting Line, managed by NHSCFA and Crimestoppers.

While highly popular, 'Fraud Squad' serves a higher public interest than mere entertainment. It helps drive up understanding of the work of all who fight fraud in the NHS system.

The format of Fraud Squad focuses on investigations. The new series is also an incredibly valuable opportunity to focus attention on all the intelligence gathering and fraud prevention work being done by NHSCFA and its partners, working in ever closer collaboration with each other and the public.

The NHS counter fraud community across England and Wales is using the TV series as the perfect 'news hook' to talk to local and regional media and the general public about their work.

Health workers and the public are being urged to seize the moment and report it now if they have any suspicion of fraud against the NHS, which can be done anonymously.

They can do so by using the NHS online and telephone FCRL ([Fraud and Corruption Reporting Line](#)), details also below. You can report fraud against the NHS in England and Wales by using our online reporting form <https://cfa.nhs.uk/reportfraud> - or calling our freephone line **0800 028 4060** (available 24/7).

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 All Fraud Squad episodes will air at **10am on BBC One**, on these dates:

Broadcast date	Investigated by	Criminal	Fraud type	Victims
Monday 31 st January 2022	NHS England	Jamie Kasebante, assistant project manager, NHSEI	Theft charges. Abused NHSEI corporate travel booking system and kept NHS property	NHSEI
Tues 1st February 2022	NHS Counter Fraud Service Wales	Dr Aled Jones, hospital doctor	Gambler who committed timesheet frauds against NHS and stole death certificate fees from individuals	Various South Wales health boards and colleagues at University Hospital Wales
Thursday 24 th February 2022	NHS England	Sheila Loveridge, Senior nurse, 8c infection prevention control inspector	Working while sick fraud (claimed unable to work due to back problem)	North East London Commissioning Support Unit
Friday 25th February 2022	NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) and partners	Barry Stannard, IT Manager	Procurement fraud, invoicing his employer for non-existent services from his own companies	Mid Essex Hospital Trust
Monday 28th February 2022	NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) and partners	Stephen Day, finance manager/ accountant	Fraud by false representation against NHS, plus cheating the Public Revenue	Three NHS bodies and multiple others

For previews and press requests for the programme media should contact –
programmes.desk@bbc.co.uk and copy in media@nhscfa.gov.uk

If you suspect that anyone is committing fraud or another economic crime against the NHS, tell NHSCFA about it – you can visit our main website to report online: www.cfa.nhs.uk or telephone our 24-hour reporting line 0800 028 40 60.

“NHS fraud. Spot it, report it, together we stop it”

For more information contact the NHSCFA press office: media@nhscfa.gov.uk

Notes to Editors

1. The NHS Counter Fraud Authority is a Special Health Authority established under the NHS Act 2006 as amended. It is sponsored by the Department for Health and Social Care, accountable to the department’s Anti-Fraud Unit (AFU).

2. The NHSCFA assesses that fraud, bribery and corruption affecting the NHS leads to an annual estimated financial vulnerability of £1.14 billion (based on 2019-2020).
3. When the NHSCFA uses the term 'fraud', we refer to a range of economic crimes, such as fraud, bribery, corruption or any other illegal acts committed by an individual or group of individuals to obtain a financial or professional gain.
4. The NHSCFA also supports the work of the NHS Counter Fraud Service (Wales).
5. The NHSCFA works closely with NHS Local Counter Fraud Specialists across the NHS in England to ensure that healthcare crime is tackled, and a culture of fraud prevention and deterrence is in place.
6. The NHSCFA works collaboratively with NHS Scotland Counter Fraud Services on fraud issues.
7. There are some 300 professionally trained and accredited Local Counter Fraud Specialists in place within health bodies across England and Wales.