NHS
Counter Fraud Authority

Health Service Counter Fraud Strategy 2026 to 2029

At a glance

Challenge

- **£1.34bn** NHS fraud risk
- Equivalent to the annual cost of running a large hospital
- Inconsistent counter fraud measures
- Only 2.6% of the estimated fraud risk is available to pay for fraud prevention

Purpose

- Deliver **£600 million** in measurable savings
- NHSCFA to provide leadership and oversight across the sector
- Act as the central body for collating, assuring and reporting system-wide counter fraud savings

Strategic Ambitions

- **Prevention by design** – built-in resilience
- **Digital & data** – AI-driven prevention
- **Counter fraud systems** – stronger local governance
- **Partnerships** – shared fraud resilience
- **Sector resilience** – flexible, risk-based model

Outcomes by 2029

- Fraud-resilient practice across the NHS
- Proactive and intelligence-led intervention
- Stronger investigations and enforcement
- Clear return on investment
- Unified counter fraud capability to protect patient resources

Dive deeper into our strategy—click here.