



Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 11683

28 November 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11683 – Cost of Fraud to the NHS

Thank you for your request which I received on 02 November 2017. You asked for the following information:

How much does fraud – committed by patients, staff, and contractors – cost the NHS in Wales each year, for the last five available years?

Following a search of records I can confirm the Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested.

Although we do not hold the information you have requested it should be noted that the Welsh Government is committed to the reduction of fraud in all areas of public service.

Where fraud has been established and proven, the combined financial recoveries by NHS Counter Fraud Services (CFS) Wales and Local Counter Fraud Specialists (LCFS) employed by NHS Wales totalled £335,127 during 2016/17 (£307,56 during 2015/16, £941,697 during 2014/15, £405,011 during 2013/14 and £412,655 during 2012/13). Since the NHS Counter Fraud Strategy was launched in Wales in August 2001 NHS CFS Wales and LCFS investigations have recovered a total of £7,226,509 and secured a total of 177 criminal sanctions, 367 civil recoveries and 346 disciplinary actions.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an

internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,