

FOI 2122180- fraud

NHS Calderdale CCG's (CCG) response to your request can be found below.

<p>1a) Amount spent on counter fraud services in the financial year 2019/20</p> <p>1b) How much of this was spent on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Strategic Governanceii. Involve & Informiii. Prevent & Deteriv. Hold to Accountv. Other <p>1c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Number of successful civil sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offencesii. Amount recovered as a result of these civil sanctions <p>1d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Number of successful criminal sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offencesii. Amount recovered as a result of these criminal sanctions	<p>Please see the refusal notice below</p> <p>0</p> <p>£0</p> <p>0</p> <p>£0</p>
<p>2a) Amount spent on counter fraud services in the financial year 2020/21</p> <p>2b) How much of this was spent on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Strategic Governanceii. Involve & Informiii. Prevent & Deteriv. Hold to Accountv. Other <p>2c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Number of successful civil sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offencesii. Amount recovered as a result of these civil sanctions <p>2d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Number of successful criminal sanctions obtained in respect of fraud and fraud-related offences	<p>Please see the refusal notice below</p> <p>0</p> <p>£0</p> <p>0</p> <p>£0</p>

ii. Amount recovered as a result of these criminal sanctions	
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Refusal Notice – Section 43 (Commercial Information)

Questions 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b have not been answered under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act provides a qualified exemption from disclosure where (1) the information requested is a trade secret or (2) the release of information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, this public authority itself or any other legal entity). A qualified exemption requires the CCG to undertake a ‘public interest test’ (PIT) to assess whether the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in releasing the information. Accordingly, the CCG has undertaken the required PIT. A summary of the findings are detailed below. A copy of the full findings is available on request.

Public Interest Test (PIT)

On engaging Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), the CCG has considered disclosure in response to questions 1 a) and b) and 2 a) and b) which relate to the amount spent on counter fraud work at the CCG in 2019/20 and 2020/21.

The CCG acknowledges that there is a clear public interest in allowing scrutiny of contracts and agreements entered into by the CCG with third party organisations. However, the CCG believes that there is a strong public interest argument that Section 43 (2) exemption should be maintained to allow organisations to compete fairly and without undue advantage.

Disclosing the amount spent on counter fraud work at the CCG is deemed commercially sensitive by the provider and the CCG and its public disclosure would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of the current suppliers in a competitive market. Disclosure may also damage the CCG’s standing and reputation. This may result in existing or potential suppliers being deterred from bidding for future commissions with the CCG undermining its ability to achieve best value for money for the public. It may also result in litigation against the CCG for breach of contract in instances where confidentiality is specified.

Having considered the PIT the CCG is of the view that the public interest in maintaining the Section 43 (2) exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing.