

## NHS SBS – Statement on Counter Fraud

NHS SBS is committed to the prevention, deterrence, detection and investigation of all types of crime, especially fraud and corruption, committed against NHS SBS and the systems it administers.

We continue to nurture a strong counter fraud and corruption culture within the organisation, which is key to ensuring the prevention and detection of offences. We will, through the Local Counter Fraud Specialist, develop and deliver Fraud Awareness Training throughout the organisation to ensure this culture becomes engrained in the minds of all employees.

The organisation requires propriety and accountability from its Members and employees at all levels and expects that individuals and organisations with whom it deals (such as service users, suppliers, contractors and service providers) will act towards NHS SBS with the same levels of propriety, accountability and integrity. Although we know that the majority of our residents, service users, employees, partners, contractors and Members are honest, we know that it is a sad fact that there is a dishonest minority.

It is the policy of this organisation to commit to a programme of zero tolerance and appropriately investigate all allegations of crime that are reported to it. NHS SBS will ensure cases are appropriately sanctioned and will follow cases through to prosecution where applicable.

The organisation recognises that it is of the utmost importance that it is seen to be acting fairly in all matters. For this reason, it has a robust approach to bribery and will not tolerate soliciting or offering of dishonest payments or gifts.

The organisation does not limit its actions to those cases that generate financial benefits or cause actual loss; it recognises that taking steps to prevent fraud and corruption are just as important. Additionally, the organisation will always have regard to its Diversity and Equality Framework and its obligations as an employer.