



Erin Sims, Local Counter Fraud Specialist

An Introduction to the Local Counter Fraud Specialist

I am the Local Counter Fraud Specialist (LCFS) at Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself and provide you with some information about my role within the NHS.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group is committed to tackling fraud and bribery and ensuring that all staff are aware of the reporting lines that should be followed should any suspicions or concerns arise. All staff play an essential role in helping to reduce fraud and bribery in the NHS.

My role is to raise fraud awareness across the organisation, ensure that weaknesses within systems are identified, making recommendations where necessary to strengthen these and that the organisation has the necessary controls in place to mitigate the risk of fraud or bribery occurring. I am also responsible for investigating allegations of fraud and bribery. It is recognised that the existence of fraud and bribery prevents NHS funds providing maximum benefit to patients and that this needs to be reduced to an absolute minimum.

I will look to provide you with an accessible point of contact for any concerns you may have in regards to fraud or bribery issues. Should you feel that a meeting would be beneficial to discuss fraud and bribery related matters, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In order to achieve greater awareness and assist with training I am keen to meet with individual staff members, attend team meetings, conduct workshops and deliver awareness presentations. If you have any concerns about fraud or bribery taking place within your organisation please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

I have included some additional material with this letter to further explain the types of fraud and bribery occurring within the NHS and highlight the extent of which this occurs. Please also take the time to visit the Counter Fraud pages on the intranet which provides additional and up to date information.

Yours sincerely

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