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<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>14 September 2021</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>7.1</b>
<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Counter Fraud Update Report</b>		
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<b>Freedom of Information</b>	Open		
<b>Purpose of the Report</b>	The purpose of this report is to update the Audit Risk & Assurance Committee on key areas of work undertaken by the Local Counter Fraud Specialists during 2021/22 relative to the Counter Fraud Work Plan.		
<b>Key Issues</b>	The report sets out progress of the work undertaken in so far in 2021/22.		
<b>Specific Action Required</b> <i>(please choose one only)</i>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Assurance</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Committee is asked to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consider and discuss</b> the Counter Fraud Update Report</li> </ul>		

## **COUNTER FRAUD UPDATE REPORT**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The reports presented provide the Audit Committee with the Counter Fraud Annual Report on work completed in 2020/21 on key areas of work undertaken by the Health Board Local Counter Fraud Specialists and set out planned activity for 2021/22 within a formal work plan.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

The Health Board is required to comply with NHS Counter Fraud Standards. A counter fraud work plan has been agreed for the year setting out work to meet these standards based around four strategic areas. This report updates the Committee on progress against the counter fraud work plan.

### **3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES**

There are no specific key risks or matters for escalation. The report outlines progress and development work in potential risk areas.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Counter Fraud resource is budgeted for the year in line with proposals set out in the Work Plan.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

The Committee is asked to: -

- Consider and discuss the Counter Fraud Update Report

<b>Governance and Assurance</b>		
<b>Link to Enabling Objectives</b> (please choose)	<b>Supporting better health and wellbeing by actively promoting and empowering people to live well in resilient communities</b>	
	Partnerships for Improving Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Co-Production and Health Literacy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Deliver better care through excellent health and care services achieving the outcomes that matter most to people</b>	
	Best Value Outcomes and High Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Partnerships for Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Excellent Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Digitally Enabled Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Outstanding Research, Innovation, Education and Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Health and Care Standards</b>		
(please choose)	Staying Healthy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Safe Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Effective Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Dignified Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Timely Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Individual Care	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staff and Resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Quality, Safety and Patient Experience</b>		
The Counter Fraud activity outlined in both reports whilst primarily aimed at fraud risk to the Health Boards links to potential parallel risks relating to quality, safety and patient experience where identified.		
<b>Financial Implications</b>		
The Counter Fraud resource is budgeted for the year in line with proposals set out in the Work Plan.		
<b>Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)</b>		
The Health Board is expected to comply with Counter Fraud Standards adopted by Welsh Government.		
<b>Staffing Implications</b>		
The resource required to deliver the Counter Fraud Work Plan is already in place.		
<b>Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)</b>		
Briefly identify how the paper will have an impact of the “The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, 5 ways of working.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Long Term</b> – reduction of fraud risk faced by the Health Board and reduction of losses to fraudulent activity.</li> <li>○ <b>Prevention</b> – fraud risk management to reduce, prevent and deter exposure to fraud.</li> <li>○ <b>Integration</b> – counter fraud activity aligns to requirements set out by Welsh Government on counter fraud measures for NHS Bodies and is aligned to work across NHS Wales.</li> </ul>		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Collaboration</b> – counter fraud activity involves collaboration with internal and external stakeholders throughout.</li> <li>○ <b>Involvement</b> – key stakeholders are identified and engaged in counter fraud work to meet and achieve aims and objectives.</li> </ul>	
<b>Report History</b>	None
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 – 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 update report