

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_10_18

You asked:

How much does fraud – committed by patients, staff, and contractors – cost your health board each year, for 2016/17, 2015/16, 2014/15, 2013/14, and 2012/13.

Our response:

The Health Board does not hold information on the actual cost of fraud as we are unable to deter or detect all frauds committed.

However, it should be noted that NHS Wales is firmly committed to the reduction of fraud in all areas. In instances where fraud has been identified and proven then these figures are available. The combined NHS Wales financial recoveries by NHS Counter Fraud Service (CFS) Wales and the Local Counter Fraud Specialists (LCFS) employed by NHS Wales health bodies were as follows:

2016/17:£335,127
2015/16:£307,561
2014/15:£941,697
2013/14:£405,011
2012/13:£412,655

Since the NHS Wales Counter Fraud Strategy was launched in August 2001, NHS CFS Wales and LCFS investigations had recovered a total of £7,226,509 and secured a total of 177 criminal sanctions, 367 civil recoveries and 346 disciplinary sanctions by the end of September 2017.