

Summary

The information presented covers the current caseload of the Counter Fraud Team.

Cases being actively investigated by the Counter Fraud Team are listed in the [Open Cases](#) table.

Cases in which Counter Fraud Team have concluded their investigation but have third party involvement, such as ongoing internal investigation or investigation by professional body, are listed within the [Pending Cases](#) table. These cases remain open on the Counter Fraud Case Management system only for the purposes of recording these outcomes for intelligence purposes.

As cases are closed on the Counter Fraud Case Management system a separate table for [Closed Cases](#) will be presented to the Committee to allow review of final outcome of cases.

Case Status		
Cases Under Investigation	Cases Pending 3rd Party Outcome	Cases Closed 2021/22
6	5	4
Case Rates		
Referrals Received 2021/22	Cases Under Investigation for Over 12 Months	
1	3	
Sanctions/Outcomes		
Criminal Sanctions	Civil Sanctions (Inc. Financial Recovery)	Disciplinary Sanctions
0	1	0

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Open Cases			
Reference Number	Date Opened	Allegation	Status
WARO/19/00050	25/04/2019	Alleged false representations made in respect of the completion and presentation of prescriptions	File of evidence is being prepared for submission to CPS for consideration for prosecution.
WARO/20/00032	24/01/2020	Alleged theft of petty cash/False representation of employment history and qualifications	<p>Initial allegation of theft of petty cash was investigated by South Wales Police who deemed insufficient evidence to proceed with any criminal action.</p> <p>An internal investigation was ongoing relating to disciplinary matters. Further information came to light relating to false representations relating to employment application including potential falsification of employment history and qualifications.</p> <p>This investigation has grown considerably during the last reporting period. The subject was arrested by Dyfed Powys Police and home address searched as part of joint operation with LCFS. A large amount of property was seized by Police which has been reviewed by the LCFS with exhibits taken for evidence.</p> <p>Enquiries are ongoing across the NHS including previous employment areas involving cross border NHS organisations and external organisations.</p>

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WARO/20/00084	11/09/2020	Alleged overpayment of salary	Overpayment of £8879.31. Financial Investigative support has resulted in money being unable to be located in bank accounts. Interview under caution to be arranged.
WARO/21/00045	30/03/2021	Overpayment of Salary	Subject resigned from employment and continued to be paid for a period of 5 months resulting in total Net overpayment of £6611.08. Enquiries ongoing to assess requirements for progression of case.
INV/21/00041	12/04/2021	Overpayment of Salary	After termination date was entered incorrectly by inputting 2020 instead of 2019 resulting in error in inputting termination information on the system. The subject continued to be paid for 12 months as a result with overpayment totalling Net £8336.70. Enquiries ongoing to assess requirements for progression of case.

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TBC – Likely to be logged as Local Proactive Exercise (LPE) rather than criminal case	20/01/2021	Prescription Fraud	<p>Subject registered at multiple GP practices with intent to seek prescription drugs. The subject attended GP practices across South Wales and sought controlled drugs known to have recreational uses successfully obtaining multiple scripts which were dispensed.</p> <p>Criminal case is being dealt with by South Wales Police who have issued a caution and subsequently rearrested the subject following continuation of offending following the caution.</p> <p>The Counter Fraud Team are assessing the situation based around risk to GP registrations and the exposure to fraud. Once this work is complete a full update will be given to Committee on position.</p>

Pending Closure			
Reference Number	Date Opened	Allegation	Status
WARO/17/00114	08/06/2017	Alleged submission of false or misleading overtime claims	<p>Criminal investigations into this matter concluded in August 2019. The CPS concluded that there was insufficient evidence of the required standard to progress to prosecution.</p> <p>The subject was dismissed from employment with the Health Board following internal process.</p> <p>NMC investigations remain ongoing. The LCFS continue to support this process as required.</p> <p>This case will remain open until the NMC investigation has been concluded.</p>
WARO/17/00162	19/10/2017	Alleged to be undertaking alternative employment whilst on sick leave without appropriate authority	<p>Criminal investigations into this matter concluded in November 2019. There was insufficient evidence of the required standard to progress to prosecution.</p> <p>Following a Nursing & Midwifery Council Fitness to Practice Committee meeting, the subject's Interim Suspension Order remains in place. A full hearing is to be undertaken by the NMC in relation to this matter.</p> <p>The LCFS continue to support this process as required.</p>

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Reference Number	Date Opened	Allegation	Status
WARO/18/00055	06/12/2017	Alleged false representations made in respect of the completion and presentation of prescriptions	<p>Criminal investigations into this matter concluded in February 2020, whereupon the subject entered a guilty plea to a charge of fraud by abuse of position and received a suspended sentence and unpaid work order.</p> <p>All financial losses to the Health Board have been recovered.</p> <p>GMC investigations remain ongoing. Interim conditions have been put in place. The LCFS continue to support this process as required.</p>
WARO/19/00091	16/05/2019	Alleged submission of false or misleading information in respect of hospital travel cost claims	<p>Enquiries have established that the provable loss is £105. Police National Computer checks showed warning markers for subject of suffering mental health issues including suicidal. Assessed as not in public interest to proceed with criminal case and loss to be pursued as civil recovery only. Process of recovery underway.</p>

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Reference Number	Date Opened	Allegation	Status
WARO/19/00138	23/10/2019	Alleged false representations made in respect of the completion and presentation of prescriptions	<p>Facts of case relate to 2 subjects alleged to have stolen blank prescriptions and patient details during a consultation and subsequently presenting false scripts to access drugs. 1 subject has pleaded guilty presenting scripts and received sanction of 150 hours community service, £310 court costs and £90 victim surcharge. Information from Police was that theft was to be charged and dealt with at Court in February 2021 – it transpired that this had actually been dealt with at the earlier hearing and a subjects convicted of theft and fraud offences at that time.</p> <p>Counter Fraud records will be updated and closure report prepared for this case.</p>

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Closed Cases			
Reference Number	Date Opened	Allegation	Outcome
WARO/19/00090	24/07/2019	Alleged submission of false or misleading information on a job application form	Due to the subject's mental health issues and the lack of available evidence for continuity purposes CPS deemed the case not fit for prosecution and advised civil recovery only. The loss to the NHS was identified as being to another NHS Wales Health Board and invoice was raised and actioned by that Health Board.
WARO/19/00093	12/08/2019	Alleged theft of a salary overpayment	Criminal investigations into this matter concluded in November 2019. There was insufficient evidence of the required standard to progress to prosecution, or to be considered for disciplinary action. Invoice has been raised and Finance colleagues pursuing repayment on civil basis.
WARO/20/00033	02/10/2019	Alleged to be undertaking alternative employment whilst on sick leave without appropriate authority	The subject commenced employment with secondary employer a week after submitting resignation during a sick period, under employment terms therefore no longer employed by Health Board at the time of commencement in new role. Failure by Line Manager to update ESR with the relevant information resulted in subject continuing to receive pay where it should have been the case that this employee would have been on nil pay at the time of new employment commencing.

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			<p>Due to the errors in managing the sickness updates a decision was made not to pursue this case criminally and instead to recover the financial loss by way of civil sanction.</p> <p>The total loss being £809.40 Net. Agreement to repay this amount was reached and a repayment plan is in place and being maintained.</p>
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