

National Fraud Initiative (NFI) – Privacy Notice

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. It may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds, in order to prevent and detect fraud.

The Cabinet Office conducts data matching exercises to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud as part of its responsibility for public sector efficiency and reform. Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 enables the Cabinet Office to process data as part of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI).

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB is a mandatory participant of the NFI which is a data matching exercise undertaken by the Cabinet Office to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud. We are required to provide particular sets of data to the Cabinet Office for each exercise, and these are set out in the Cabinet Office guidance, which can be found at

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/taking-part-in-national-fraud-initiative>.

Data matching involves comparing sets of data, such as payroll of a body against other records held by the same or another body to see how far they match. This is usually personal information and ICB creditors' data. The data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where a match is found it may indicate that there is an inconsistency which requires further investigation. No assumption can be made as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out.

NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB's legal basis to process this data is set out in Article 6 (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) "processing is necessary for compliance with a legal obligation to which the controller is subject;".

Data matching by the Cabinet Office is subject to a [Code of Practice](#). Should you wish to know more information on this [Fair Processing Notice please see the more detailed full text](#). View further information on the [Cabinet Office's legal powers](#) and the reasons why it matches particular information.

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