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Re: National Fraud Initiative 2022/23 – Final Report


1 Introduction and Background


This 'Briefing Note' provides a summary of Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service's data matches reviewed, outstanding matches and any overpayments identified as part of the National Fraud Initiative round for 2022/23. It provides an update on the previous briefing paper which was issued in March 2023 when data matches were released.



2 Matches Actioned


This participation offers a range of matches (payroll and creditors) designed to target fraud as well as providing assurance on a range of corporate governance issues. In addition, the inclusion of your data helps identify overpayments and uncovers fraud at other participating bodies. The table below shows the matches reviewed and associated outcomes.

Anti-Fraud Specialist's Data Matching Information as at 17th November 2023.

Report Name	Priority Status*	Number of Matches received	Number of Matches reviewed	Matches still to be reviewed	Responsible person	Overpayments Identified (£)
52 –  Pensions/Pension Gratuity to DWP Deceased	High	1	1	0	AFS	£0
54 – Pensions to Payroll	Low	6	6	0	AFS	£0

66 – Payroll to Payroll  High 23 23 0 AFS £0

Report Name	Priority Status*	Number of Matches received	Number of Matches reviewed	Matches still to be reviewed	Responsible person	Overpayments Identified (£)
68.1 – Payroll to Payroll – Phone Number	Low	4	4	0	AFS	£0
701 – Duplicate creditors by creditors name	High	3	3	0	AFS/Finance	£0
702 – Duplicate creditors by address details	High	2	2	0	AFS/Finance	£0
703 – Duplicate creditors by bank account number	High	5	5	0	AFS/Finance	£0
708 – Duplicate records by invoice amount and creditor reference 	High	117	117	0	AFS/Finance	£0
709 – VAT Overpaid	High	3	3	0	AFS/Finance	£0
750 – Procurement – Payroll to companies house (Director) 	High	4	4	0	AFS/Finance	£0
9999 – Multiple occurrence report** [for information only]	N/A	1	1	0	AFS	£0

 Certain reports have a flag (gold key) to note which reports the NFI team considers a priority.

3 Management Summary

MIAA confirm that all potential matches have been investigated and no instances of fraud or overpayment were identified. The exercise is now closed.