

National Fraud Initiative (NFI)

NHS Derbyshire and Derbyshire CCG 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 under the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) is responsible for carrying out data matching exercises. Data matching involves comparing computer records held by one body against other computer records held by the same or another body to see how far they match. This is usually personal information. Computerised data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where a match is found it indicates that there is an inconsistency that requires further investigation. No assumption can be made as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out. All bodies participating in the Cabinet Office's data matching exercises receive a report of matches that they should investigate, so as to detect instances of fraud, over- or under-payments and other errors, to take remedial action and update their records accordingly.

Therefore, under the provisions of Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Cabinet Office mandates that the NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG submits the data sets as set out in the Cabinet Office guidance, which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-fraud-initiative> to enable the CCG to participate in the data matching exercise to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud.

As the process is mandated by the Cabinet Office it does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under the Data Protection Act 2018 or General Data Protection Regulations EU 2016/679. For the purposes of GDPR the CCG will rely on: 6(1) (c) 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. This may be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/code-of-data-matching-practice-for-national-fraud-initiative>

For further information on the Cabinet Office's legal powers and the reasons why it matches particular information, see <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-fraud-initiative>

The Cabinet Office's privacy notice can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fair-processing-national-fraud-initiative/fair-processing-level-3-full-text>

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