

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE DATA MATCHING

King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is required to protect the public funds it administers. It may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for; auditing, or administering public funds, or where undertaking a public function, in order to prevent and detect fraud.

The Cabinet Office requires us to participate in a data matching exercise to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud.

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 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.

We are required to provide particular sets of data to the Cabinet Office for each matching exercise. For more information please refer to the [Cabinet Office's website](#)

The use of data by the Cabinet Office in a data matching exercise is carried out with statutory authority under Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under data protection legislation or the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Data matching by the Cabinet Office is subject to a [Code of Data Matching Practice](#)

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