

FRAUD

RECOGNISE IT.

REPORT IT.

CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES

Health and Social Care organisations take a zero tolerance approach to fraud, regardless of the perpetrator. Fraud is a criminal offence and a range of measures can be used against the offender to prosecute, impose sanctions and recover any money obtained through criminal activity.

Have you considered the consequences?

PROSECUTION

Being found guilty of fraud carries potential heavy penalties, including a custodial sentence. Having a criminal record can impede an offender's ability to gain employment, insurance cover, a bank loan, mortgage and even travel visas.

SANCTIONS

Where fraud is committed by a member of staff disciplinary measures will be used to punish the offender. In many cases this results in dismissal or, where appropriate, referral to a professional or regulatory body.

REDRESS

Civil action including confiscation orders or the freezing of assets can be used to recover money obtained through fraud. In some cases the offender may have to sell their home, car or other assets to repay the money, impacting not only themselves but also their family.

IF YOU SUSPECT FRAUD CALL THE CONFIDENTIAL HSC FRAUD HOTLINE OR SEND A REPORT ONLINE.

 0800 096 33 96

 www.reportthehealthfraud.hscni.net

Together we can stamp out fraud.