

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2425/355  
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**Subject:** The Amount Lost to Fraud and Scams over the Last Five Years

**Q1** The amount during each calendar year for each of the last five years your trust has lost to fraud and scams. This would include the year to date as one of those five years.

**A1** FY 20/21 = 0  
FY 21/22 = 0  
FY 22/23 = 0  
FY 23/24 = £21,087.  
FY 24/25 to date = 0

**Q2** For each fraud or scam of more than £500 the nature of the fraud or scam, particularly:

- a. The date the money was lost
- b. How much was lost
- c. How the money was lost - the precise methodology the scammers used
- d. What efforts were made to reclaim the lost funds
- e. How successful those efforts were.
- f. Who the perpetrator was, if that is known

**A2** a. 19.05.2023  
b. £21,087.  
c. Information exempt under s31 – law enforcement, specifically section 31 (1) (a) relating to the prevention and detection of crime.

We have assessed the public interest in disclosure and believe the only factor for release would be openness and transparency, however the factors against release clearly outweigh this as release of the information would place the Trusts information systems and other related assets at risk of attack from hackers if released in to the public domain. This would have a major impact on the Trusts ability to maintain confidentiality, integrity and availability of systems and information and would severely disrupt services to our patients and would have a substantial impact on the Trusts reputation therefore causing financial loss and would damage the Trusts commercial interests.

- d. Reported to the bank. Reported to Trust's nominated NHS Anti-Fraud Specialist (AFS). Reported to NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) and Financial

Investigator. Reported to police who undertook an investigation, information gathered by NHSCFA and AFS was passed to police.

- e. Total value of monies defrauded was £30,360, the bank successfully recovered and refunded £9,273, total loss to the Trust £21,087.
- f. Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.