

Dear Colleague

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN NHSSCOTLAND COUNTER FRAUD SERVICES AND NHS BOARDS AND SPECIAL HEALTH BOARDS

1. This letter announces an updated Partnership Agreement between NHSScotland Counter Fraud Services (“the CFS”) and NHS Boards and special Health Boards.

Background

2. HDL (2005) 5 announced the establishment of a new Partnership Agreement between the CFS and NHS Boards and special Health Boards. This has now been updated and can be found at

<http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/publications/DC20090430CFS.pdf>

3. The current version of the Partnership Agreement is a much slimmer document than the original version since it makes reference to/links into a number of other more detailed documents on specific activities e.g. the Memorandum of Understanding between the CFS and Board Human Resource Divisions which sets out their respective roles in counter fraud activities.

4. The Partnership Agreement is mentioned in the updated section on “fraud” in the Scottish Public Finance Manual which was announced in Finance Guidance Note 2009-02 on 4 March 2009. This specifies that NHS Boards and special Health Boards should act in accordance with the Scottish Government’s NHS counter fraud policy and the Partnership Agreement.

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Addresses

For action

Chief Executives, NHS Boards and
Special Health Boards
Chief Executive, NHS National Services
Scotland

For information

Directors of Finance and of Human
Resources, NHS Boards and Special
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Action

5. Chief Executives are asked to:

- sign the Partnership Agreement with the CFS by 30 June;
- familiarise themselves with its contents and ensure that their staff are also familiar with these; and
- act in accordance with the Partnership Agreement in tackling NHS fraud.

6. Signed Partnership Agreements should be returned to Peter MacIntyre, NHSScotland Counter Fraud Services, Earlston House, Almondvale Business Park, Almondvale Way, Livingston EH54 6GA. E-mail address: peter.macintyre@nhs.net. If there are any queries on the Agreement, these should be addressed to Gordon Young (tel: 01506 705 237) or Maggie Worsfold (tel: 01506 705 254) at Counter Fraud Services.

Yours sincerely

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