

## **Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption statement**

BSW ICB is committed to eliminating fraud, bribery and corruption within the NHS, protecting public resources for health and care. Fraud is an act of deception that is intended to make a financial gain or to cause a loss to another party. Bribery is generally defined as the giving or receiving of a financial or other advantage in exchange for improperly performing a relevant function or activity.

The ICB employs a specialist counter-fraud service to provide a comprehensive programme against fraud, bribery and corruption which is overseen by the ICB's Chief Finance Officer and the ICB's Audit and Risk Committee.

The ICB fully complies with all anti-fraud and corruption legislation, the Bribery Act 2010, and the Fraud Act 2006, and has a zero-tolerance approach to fraud, bribery and corruption. The ICB is committed to applying the highest standards of ethical conduct and behaviour and has robust controls in place to prevent fraud and corruption. As well as staff, the ICB also expects its suppliers to adhere to the same high standards.

Our dedicated policies (Anti-Fraud, Anti-Bribery, Anti-Corruption Policy, and Standards of Business Conduct Policy) set out our expectations and guidance for colleagues, partners, contractors and anyone working with or for the ICB with regards to preventing fraud, bribery and corruption, and raising concerns.

We ask all who have dealings with the ICB, as employees, agency staff, trading partners (contractors/suppliers/providers), stakeholders and patients, to help us in our fight against fraud and corruption and to contact us immediately if any concerns arise. No individual will suffer any detrimental treatment as a result of reporting reasonably held suspicions. The success of the ICB's anti-fraud and corruption measures depends on everyone playing their part.

The ICB's Counter Fraud Specialist can be contacted in confidence:

### **Counter Fraud Specialist**

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All genuine suspicions of fraud and corruption can also be reported in confidence to the NHS Fraud and Corruption Reporting Line on free phone 0800 028 40 60.