Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Statement

University Hospitals Dorset NHS Foundation Trust 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 Trust employs a specialist counter-fraud service to provide a comprehensive programme against fraud, bribery and corruption which is overseen by the Trust's Chief Finance Officer and the Audit Committee.

The Trust has a zero-tolerance approach to fraud, bribery and corruption and is committed to applying the highest standards of ethical conduct and behaviour, as well as having robust controls in place to prevent fraud and corruption. As well as staff, the Trust also expects its suppliers to adhere to the same high standards.

Our dedicated policies and procedures set out our expectations and guidance for staff, contractors and anyone else working with or for the Trust with regards to preventing fraud, bribery and corruption, and raising concerns.

We ask all who have dealings with the Trust, as employees, agency staff, trading partners (contractors/suppliers), 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 Trust's anti-fraud and corruption measures depends on everyone playing their part.

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

Kim Hampson Counter Fraud Specialist

- by phone on 07881 840869
- or by e-mail kim.hampson@nhs.net

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 or at: https://cfa.nhs.uk/reportfraud

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