Privacy Notice for the National Fraud Initiative (NFI)
(as facilitated by The Audit Insurance & Risk Department)
within Devon and Cornwall Police / Dorset Police
Version 1.0

Being transparent and providing accessible information to individuals about how we use personal information is a key element of the Data Protection Act and the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

Please note that details about the data controller and why we process personal information can be found in our overarching privacy notices (please search for the words ‘privacy notice’ at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk or the words ‘legal and privacy’ at www.dorset.police.uk).

The information being processed

The Audit Insurance and Risk Department within Devon and Cornwall Police / Dorset Police is collecting payroll, pensions and supplier data for the purpose of data matching to identify potential fraud or error. Data matching involves comparing sets of data, either against other records held by Devon and Cornwall Police / Dorset Police or another body, to see how far they match. Where a match is found it may indicate that there is an inconsistency that requires further investigation. No assumption is made as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out. This forms the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) – more information is available here.

The legal basis for processing this information falls under Part 6 (schedule 9 ‘data matching’) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (LAAA). This requires the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) of both Devon & Cornwall and Dorset Police to take part in the national data matching exercise (NFI). It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under the General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Who do we share your personal information with?

To ensure that Devon and Cornwall Police / Dorset Police prevents and detects fraud in its internal systems, and complies with its obligations under LAAA, we will share your information (i.e. payroll, pensions and supplier data) with the Cabinet Office. The Cabinet Office may share this data with other participants of NFI (see the list below) – the Cabinet Office’s privacy notice is available here.

Mandatory participants:

- District and county councils;
- London and metropolitan boroughs;
- Unitary authorities;
- Other police forces and PCCs;
- Fire and rescue authorities;
- Pension authorities;
- NHS Trusts and strategic health authorities;
- Foundation Trusts;
• Clinical Commissioning Groups;
• Passenger transport authorities;
• Passenger transport executives;
• Waste authorities; and
• Greater London Authority and its functional bodies.

Voluntary participants:

• Private sector pension schemes (various);
• Home Office;
• Metropolitan Police – Operation Amberhill;
• Special health authorities;
• Housing associations;
• Probation authorities;
• National park authorities;
• Central government pensions schemes;
• Insurance Fraud Bureau;
• Central government departments; and
• Other private organisations/companies/credit reference agencies.

Disclosures of personal information are made on a case-by-case basis, using the personal information appropriate to a specific purpose and circumstances, and with necessary controls in place.

The Audit Insurance and Risk Department within Devon and Cornwall Police / Dorset Police may also disclose personal information on a discretionary basis for the purpose of, and in connection with, any legal proceedings or for obtaining legal advice.

Data shared through the NFI is governed by the Code of Data Matching practice. This is kept under review by Cabinet Office and is subject to consultation with the Information Commissioner and others before approval and laying before Parliament. The Code mandates the measures in place to protect your information.

We will never share your information for marketing purposes.

How do we keep your personal information safe?

Please refer to the overarching privacy notices (please search for the words ‘privacy notice’ at www.devon-cornwall.police.uk or the words ‘legal and privacy’ at www.dorset.police.uk).

What are your rights?

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How long will we keep your personal information?

The Audit Insurance and Risk Department within Devon and Cornwall Police / Dorset Police will only keep your information outlined above within the NFI secure online portal. Specific data downloaded for further investigation will be retained for six years.

Details of transfers to third country and safeguards

Your personal and sensitive data will only be stored and processed on servers based within the European Economic Area (EEA).