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SUBJECT

National Fraud Initiative

DETAIL

Users are reminded that the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) is due to take place in October 2020 and that ESR will produce the relevant return for organisations requested by the Cabinet Office.

This will be sent automatically to the Cabinet Office as in previous years.

There is no change to the ESR NFI specification this year.

ACTION REQUIRED

There is no user action in respect of submitting the actual return.

Under the fair processing agreement, there is a need for employers to bring this return to the attention of all employees via local intranet, email bulletins, payslip messages etc.

As these messages have to be specific to each employer there is no national payslip message provided.

Any organisation that has agreed with the Cabinet Office to not take part in the NFI for 2020 should raise an SR FAO Andrew Farnell, NHS Central Team, detailing which payrolls are not to be included by 31st July 2020. Users will have to consider if CIC, Hospice and ALB payrolls should take part in this exercise and notify of any exclusions.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The specification for the Cabinet Office National Fraud Initiative can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/quidance/national-fraud-initiative-public-sector-data-specifications

Fair processing is covered by:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fair-processing-national-fraud-initiative

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Any organisation paying their NHS employees via a non-ESR payment system, for example, for Locum Doctors or Bank staff will need to consider how they will provide this additional data as part of the NFI Return.

NEXT UPDATE

None