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Request:

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- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?*
- 3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract*

Response:

Please see the answers to your request set out below.

1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initiative?

The LFB is required under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to participate in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) data-matching exercise.

The NFI exercise is undertaken every two years with the next one being 2024/25.

2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?

The National Fraud Initiative is the Cabinet Office's data-matching exercise designed to help participating organisations to prevent and detect fraudulent and erroneous payments from public money. It works by matching our data against that provided by other organisations, for example, in respect of benefits, pensions and payrolls. All participating bodies receive reports of the matches found for further consideration; matches are not necessarily fraudulent, but may require further investigation. The NFI exercise for LFB is conducted by the LFB's internal auditors, Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) who also provide audit assurance that there are adequate controls in place to prevent and detect fraud in LFB.

3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.

LFB currently use Infor Masterpiece as its finance system. However we are currently starting to implement a new finance and procurement system (SAP). LFB's internal auditors (MOPAC) use their own systems to review our data.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#)