

HSENI - ANTI-FRAUD POLICY STATEMENT

HSENI will not tolerate any level of fraud or corruption. Consequently, HSENI policy is to thoroughly investigate all suspected frauds and allegations (anonymous or otherwise) in order to safeguard the public resource for which it is responsible. HSENI is also committed to ensuring that opportunities for fraud and corruption are reduced to the lowest possible level of risk.

The Fraud Act 2006 came into effect on 15th January 2007. The Act states that a person is guilty of fraud if he is in breach of any of the following:

- Fraud by false representation;
- Fraud by failing to disclose information; and
- Fraud by abuse of position.

As fraud prevention is the ultimate aim, anti-fraud measures should be considered and incorporated into systems and programmes at the design stage. Every member of HSENI's staff has a duty to ensure that public funds are safeguarded.

HSENI takes fraud very seriously and will ensure that all cases of actual or suspected fraud, including attempted fraud, are vigorously and promptly investigated and that appropriate remedial action is taken.

It is HSENI policy that in all cases of fraud, the case will be referred to the police at the earliest possible juncture and that restitution and prosecution will be pursued by whatever means possible.