



Recent Fraud Cases

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Five convictions in £300k NHS fraud case

An NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) investigation has led to five convictions following a £302,000 fraud at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

Former NHS credit controller Edias Mazambani pleaded guilty to fraud by abuse of position on 3 September 2025 at Southwark Crown Court. Four others – George Magaya, Rosemary Magaya, Michelle Tengende, and Sinqobile Pasipanodya – were convicted of money laundering. All had initially pleaded not guilty in November 2023. Sentencing is scheduled for January 2026.

The fraud was uncovered by the Trust's finance team after spotting suspicious refund requests. Mazambani exploited his access to secure financial systems to process fraudulent refunds, transferring funds to accounts linked to the co-defendants. NHSCFA investigators traced the money using powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. Over £218,000 was paid out, with a further £84,000 in claims prevented.

Ben Harrison, NHSCFA Head of Operations, said: "This was a sophisticated internal fraud exploiting patient trust and NHS systems. We will pursue fraudsters wherever the evidence leads and recover stolen NHS funds."

Suspended Sentence in £189k NHS Bribery Case

A company director has received a suspended prison sentence after admitting bribery to secure NHS contracts worth £189,000.

Tudor Dumitru, director of SSC Secure Transport Ltd, was sentenced at Wood Green Crown Court on 20 October 2025 to 16 months in prison, suspended for two years, and ordered to complete 150 hours of community service. He pleaded guilty to one count of bribery on 5 August 2025 following an NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) investigation.

Between September 2021 and May 2022, Dumitru paid £73,000 to Pratik Patel, a Transport Manager at University College London Hospitals (UCLH), in exchange for patient transport contracts. Both men were charged under the Bribery Act 2010, but Patel did not attend court and was later found dead in May 2025.

NHSCFA investigators will now use powers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to recover the funds.

Ben Harrison, NHSCFA Head of Operations, said: "This case sends a clear message that bribery in the NHS will not be tolerated. Attempts to corrupt NHS systems undermine trust in vital services. We will continue to protect NHS resources and hold offenders to account."

Three-Year Sentence for Former NHS Resident Doctor in £268k Fraud Case

A former NHS resident doctor has been jailed for three years after defrauding the health service of more than £268,000, following an investigation by the NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA).

Richard Akinrolabu, of Orpington, Kent, was sentenced at Woolwich Crown Court on 4 November 2025, having pleaded guilty to four counts of Fraud by False Representation in September.

Akinrolabu worked as a specialist registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology at Princess Royal University Hospital, part of King's College Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Between October 2018 and December 2021, he claimed to be unfit for night or on-call duties at King's while simultaneously working such shifts at three other NHS trusts. During this time, King's paid his full salary and hired locums to cover his absence.

The fraud came to light in November 2021 when King's received information that Akinrolabu had

worked night shifts at Basildon Hospital. Further investigation revealed he had also worked at Princess Alexandra Hospital, East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust, and Mid-South Essex NHS Foundation Trust without permission. Timesheets confirmed most shifts were night or on-call.

Interviewed under caution in June 2022, Akinrolabu gave a “no comment” response. He was later charged and convicted.

Judge David Miller said: “The public doesn’t expect doctors to lie for personal gain.”

Ben Harrison, NHSCFA Head of Operations, added: “This case shows a deliberate abuse of trust. We will continue to protect NHS resources and bring offenders to justice.”



NHSCFA Investigation Leads to Sentencing of Former NHS GP Practice Manager for £144K Fraud

A former NHS GP practice manager has received a suspended prison sentence after admitting to defrauding the health service of more than £144,000. Kellie Preece, 45, of Rugby, pleaded guilty to two counts of

Fraud by False Representation. She was sentenced at Warwick Crown Court on 15 September 2025 to two years’ imprisonment, suspended for 18 months, alongside 20 hours of rehabilitation and four months of electronic tagging.

Preece worked at Westside Medical Centre in Rugby, where she controlled banking and salary payments. Between January 2021 and her dismissal, she transferred funds from the practice to her own account, disguising them as legitimate payments. She also inflated her salary and overtime, creating false invoices to conceal the fraud.

In total, she stole £144,864.13. The NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) will now seek to recover funds under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Ben Harrison, NHSCFA Head of Operations, said the case highlights how trusted positions can be exploited and reaffirmed the authority’s commitment to protecting NHS resources.

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Practice manager for NHS Wales sentenced to two years imprisonment and two-year suspension

Kimberley Wilson, former Practice Manager at Castle Surgery GP Practice in Neath, admitted to

defrauding the practice of £49,213.08. Wilson worked at the surgery from April 2019 until her dismissal for gross misconduct in March 2023.

The fraud came to light after accountants flagged suspicious transfers from the practice’s account to Wilson’s personal account. Investigations revealed she had used the business account for personal purchases and transferred money under false references such as “petty cash” and “advance.”

Wilson was interviewed under caution by NHS CFS Wales in June 2023 and made admissions. A prosecution file was submitted to CPS, and she pleaded guilty to Fraud by Abuse of Position at Swansea Magistrates Court.

On 7 August 2025, Swansea Crown Court sentenced Wilson to two years’ imprisonment, suspended for two years, plus 25 days of rehabilitation and 200 hours of unpaid work. The judge condemned her actions, calling her “a dishonest crook” and highlighting the impact on patient care.

Wilson paid £20,000 toward compensation before sentencing and must repay the remaining £24,413.06 under a court-approved plan.



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