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Counter Fraud Function

Fraud costs the UK government an estimated £29.3bn - £52bn every year. Fraud against public bodies takes money away from the vital public services that citizens rely on and can damage trust in government.

Perpetrators vary from opportunistic individuals to serious and organised criminals from the UK and beyond. The impact of COVID-19 has seen a heightened risk of fraud against the public sector, particularly in stimulus schemes, provided at pace.

The Function covers 16,000 people. They have roles working with public bodies to find and fight fraud against the public sector and fighting wider fraud where the public sector is responsible for the response (for example, the Serious Fraud Office).

Our Vision and Purpose

The GCFF Board has agreed a vision and strategy for tackling public sector fraud: “The UK Government will be world class in finding and fighting fraud against the public sector and economic crime”

We will do this by creating a public sector where public bodies are confident in finding fraud and have access to skilled people. These people will work across government in a diverse range of disciplines to understand the threats and will work with their businesses to protect public services and fight economic crime, making a measurable difference. They will use, and help their business to use, increasingly sophisticated tools and techniques.
The Centre of Expertise for Counter Fraud

The Centre of Expertise for Counter Fraud (CoEx), which forms the central hub of the Government’s Counter Fraud Function, is internationally recognised as a world-leader in tackling fraud and corruption in the public sector. Working with us, you will be placed at the forefront of shaping policy that will have an impact across the breadth of the public sector.

Right now, fraud represents a cost to the government which is estimated at £29.3bn-£52bn per year. This is likely to grow even further due to the additional Covid-19 spend and increasingly sophisticated frauds. At CoEx, we play an instrumental role in spearheading the Government’s response to fraud by developing innovative policies and initiatives to counter this threat with the mission of funnelling real, tangible financial benefits back to the public.

In pursuing this goal, we utilise a network that spans across public and private sectors. Serving as the foremost experts in public sector fraud, CoEx affords those who work with us unrivalled access to Ministers in an area that is rapidly rising to the forefront of the Government’s agenda. With an ever-expanding remit in an arena of growing ministerial priority, now is a truly exciting time to join a team that has an impact throughout the machinery of government.

Please note: all live roles included in this pack have links directly to the role on Civil Service Jobs. If there is not a link provided, this role is not yet live. All roles will be going live on Civil Service Jobs over the coming weeks.
Data Strategy and Capability

The purpose of the Data Strategy Team is to develop and progress CoEx’s counter fraud data strategy through a wide range of methods and tools alongside our partners throughout the government. In doing so, we aim to empower departments to produce high-quality counter fraud data analytics independently and sustainably.

What makes an ideal candidate?

We are looking for organised and delivery-focused individuals with a passion for understanding complex business processes, the ability to engage senior stakeholders, an analytical approach and a solution mindset. Experience in fraud management and investigation will be an advantage.

What can we offer candidates?

Working with us, you will be placed at the forefront of maximising the effectiveness of government counter fraud data analytics. You will have access to experts across government and will be instrumental in designing the government’s direction in counter fraud analytical capability, data access and in enhancing the government’s technological capability.

Vacancies

- Head of Data Capability (not yet live)
- Technical Role, Senior Analyst x2 (not yet live)
- Data Analyst (SEO) (closes 18/07/2021)
- Data Analyst (HEO) (closes 18/07/2021)

Hear from a member of the team:
National Fraud Initiative

The purpose of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) is to carry out data matching to help in the prevention and detection of fraud. The NFI provides multiple solutions, ranging from real-time point of application fraud prevention checks through to the national data matching exercise, which helps those that take part detect active fraud cases within systems. More information on the NFI can be found here.

What can we offer candidates?

Working with us, you will be at the heart of the deployment of new data matching technologies and techniques, which will place you at the forefront of innovation within the fraud space. This will give you the skills necessary to advance your fraud career. We are also a fully virtual team and provide those in our team the flexibility to work from anywhere in the UK.

What makes an ideal candidate?

We are looking for confident communicators who are passionate about continually improving the public sector’s ability to find and reduce fraud and error through data matching. The ability to work collaboratively with both internal and external stakeholders is also desired. Experience of working in a fast paced environment on multiple work areas is further valued.

Hear from a member of the team:

Vacancies

- User Engagement Strategy Manager (not yet live)
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Further Information

Read our Publications here:

Please use the links below to explore reports that we have published on the landscape of public sector fraud in the UK

- Cross-Government Fraud Landscape Report
- Fraud Landscape Bulletin

Our role as experts:

Please use the link below to learn more about the Government Counter Fraud Function’s role as the centre of expertise for counter fraud in the public sector

- Click here to hear our Director Mark Cheeseman speak at Public Accounts Committee on Fraud and Error

Civil Service Success Profiles:

Please click here to learn more about civil service success profiles