Fraud against the government is an increasing and ever present challenge to the public sector. Government has raised its ambition in how it will deal with fraud against the public sector and is launching a new authority to modernise its approach to fraud.

The Crime Survey for England and Wales reports fraud as the most prevalent crime type across the UK. The scale, diversity and sophistication of fraud continues to increase. The public sector is just as affected by this hidden crime as other sectors. Fraud against the public sector takes money away from vital public services that citizens rely on and can reduce their confidence in government.

Government is committed to take action to understand and reduce the impact of fraud across the system. We will do this by modernising our approach, developing a greater depth and breadth of expert-led services to support government departments and public bodies, and putting increased focus on performance and outcomes. The PSFA will be at the heart of this change, working with departments, public bodies and partners from across sectors to reduce the impact of fraud and better safeguard public money.

Finding and reducing the impact of fraud is an essential part of government efficiency. In the Spring Statement 2022, the Chancellor announced the creation of a new Public Sector Fraud Authority. The PSFA will provide increased scrutiny of activity to reduce fraud and economic crime, and build broader and deeper expert services to support departments and public bodies further improving their capability.

“The creation of the Public Sector Fraud Authority represents a landmark in our fight against public sector fraud. We know that fraudsters are a committed, capable and evolving adversary. To respond to this we must raise our ambition and challenge ourselves to increase our impact. The PSFA will support public servants across government and public bodies to take that step - to innovate and to modernise our approach to fraud.”

Mark Cheeseman OBE, Interim Chief Executive, Public Sector Fraud Authority
The creation of the PSFA is part of a wider investment by the government of over £750m to combat fraud. The PSFA will build on and replace the Centre of the Counter Fraud Function which brings together c.16,000 public servants who work in departments and public bodies to counter fraud.

Our mission

The PSFA will work to:

- Modernise the fraud and error response by widening access, and use of, leading practices, tools and technology - better protecting taxpayers money.
- Build expert led services that collaborate with experts in departments and public bodies to better fight fraud and error through risk, prevention, data and enforcement techniques.
- Develop capability in the public sector to find, prevent and respond to fraud and error - both organisationally and individually.
- Put performance at the heart of the public sector fraud conversation - focusing on investments and outcomes.
- Be seen as a beacon of fraud and error expertise and a destination for those wanting to make a difference in fighting public sector fraud.

Our values

Our operations are underpinned by five value principles:

1. **Expertise**
   We will ensure that our expertise drives decision making, building our reputation as authoritative and credible experts in our field.

2. **Innovation**
   We will innovate to meet the ever evolving fraud threat through creativity and agility to achieve results.

3. **Collaboration**
   We will work in close alliance with partners and across all business areas to achieve our collective goals and maximise our strengths.

4. **Integrity**
   We are professional, committed, honest and transparent. Integrity underpins every aspect of our work.

5. **Respect**
   We respect each other and celebrate diversity, valuing different ways of working to bring inclusion to the heart of our working practices.
Our Functions and support services

Performance and outcomes should be at the heart of the fraud conversation. We will deliver expert functions to drive the public sector fraud agenda and provide access to expert-led support services for departments and public bodies.

We will aim to be a beacon of fraud expertise, providing access to services that enable departments and public bodies to better fight fraud through risk management, prevention, data analytics and enforcement. The functions and services of the PSFA will be built over the next 2 years.

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