

**Reference Number:** FOI/2019/211  
**From:** Private Individual  
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**Subject:** Staffing and counter-fraud

Q1 How many people does your organisation employ?

A1 As at 30/04/2019 - 1,660 employees

Q2 What is the total annual expenditure budget of your organisation?

A2 For financial year 2019/20 we have an overall Expenditure Budget of £145Million

Q3 How many full-time employment staff does your organisation employ dedicated to counter fraud activities?

A3 Nil

Q4 If you employ such staff, how many full-time employment staff are directly employed by your organisation?

A4 Information not held – not applicable as above

Q5 If any of your counter fraud staff are supplied by another organisation, could you identify the name of the organisation(s) which supplies them?

A5 Counter fraud services are provided by Mersey Internal Audit Agency

Q6 Approximately how much did you spend on counter fraud activities in the last reporting year?

A6 Total spend for the period 2018/19 was £16,450

Spend break-down exempted under Section 43: commercial interests as disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice commercial interests

Q7 How many referrals for fraud investigation has your counter fraud team received in the last reporting year?

A7 Nil

Q8 How many fraud cases has your counter fraud team successfully investigated? I.e Leading to sanction and/or recovery of monies in the last reporting year.

A8 Information not held – not applicable as above