

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/090

Subject: Fraud Incidents Relating to Personal Health Budgets

I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>If possible, please supply the information in a spreadsheet or other structured format.</p> <p>Please provide this information broken down by individual financial year (e.g. 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 to date), for each of the past five financial years or as many as you have data for:</p>	Please refer to enclosed spreadsheet.
<p>1. The number of fraud concerns or cases involving Personal Health Budgets that were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alleged or reported ○ Under investigation ○ Proven or substantiated ○ Unfounded or dismissed 	
<p>2. The financial value (£) associated with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Proven or substantiated fraud cases ○ Any financial recoveries made by the ICB as a result 	

<p>3. Where held, please indicate whether each case involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Direct payments to individuals ○ Third-party managed budgets ○ Notional budgets 	
<p>4. If available, please include brief anonymised summaries of the types of fraud involved (e.g. falsified receipts, ineligible spending), while ensuring no personal or identifying information is disclosed.</p>	

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 16 July 2025 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
1. The number of fraud concerns or cases involving Personal Health Budgets that were:				
Alleged or reported	2	1	1	1
Under investigation	0	0	0	0
Proven or substantiated	0	1	0	0
Unfounded or dismissed	2	0	1	1
2. The financial value (£) associated with:				
Proven or substantiated fraud cases	0	£890.00	0	0
Any financial recoveries made by the ICB as a result	0	£890.00	0	0
3. Where held, please indicate whether each case involved:				
Direct payments to individuals	2	1	1	1
Third-party managed budgets	0	0	0	0
Notional budgets	0	0	0	0
4. If available, please include brief anonymised summaries of the types of fraud involved (e.g. falsified receipts, ineligible spending), while ensuring no personal or identifying information is disclosed.	The cases identified for potential fraud activity related to either a misuse of PHB funds, or care provider invoicing practices.			