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**Re:** National Fraud Initiative 2022/23 – Final Report

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## 1 Introduction and Background

This 'Briefing Note' provides a summary of North Wales Fire Authority's data matches reviewed, outstanding matches and any overpayments identified as part of the National Fraud Initiative round for 2022/23. It provides an update on the previous briefing paper which was issued in September 2023 when data matches were released.

## 2 Matches Actioned

This participation offers a range of matches (payroll and creditors) designed to target fraud as well as providing assurance on a range of corporate governance issues. In addition, the inclusion of your data helps identify overpayments and uncovers fraud at other participating bodies. The table below shows the matches reviewed and associated outcomes.

Anti-Fraud Specialist's Data Matching Information as of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Report Name	Priority Status*	Number of Matches received	Number of Matches reviewed	Matches still to be reviewed	Responsible person	Overpayments Identified (£)
<b>66 – Payroll to Payroll</b> 	High	33	33	0	AFS	£0
<b>68.1 – Payroll to Payroll – Phone Number</b>	Low	6	6	0	AFS	£0
<b>701 – Duplicate creditors by creditors name</b>	High	1	1	0	AFS/Finance	£0
<b>702 – Duplicate creditors by address details</b>	High	2	2	0	AFS/Finance	£0
<b>703 – Duplicate creditors by bank account number</b>	High	3	3	0	AFS/Finance	£0
<b>707 – Duplicate records by reference, amount and creditor reference</b>	High	2	2	0	AFS/Finance	£0
<b>708 – Duplicate records by invoice amount and creditor reference</b> 	High	46	46	0	AFS/Finance	£0

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<b>711 – Duplicate records by invoice number and amount but different creditor reference and name</b> 	High	1	1	0	AFS/Finance	£0
<b>750 – Procurement – Payroll to companies house (Director)</b> 	High	1	1	0	AFS/Finance	£0
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 Certain reports have a flag (gold key) to note which reports the NFI team considers a priority.

### 3 Management Summary

MIAA confirm that all matches have been investigated and no instances of fraud or overpayment were identified. The exercise is now closed.