

Fair Processing Notice: National Fraud Initiative (NFI) Data Matching

This authority is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. It may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds, or where undertaking a public function, in order to prevent and detect fraud.

The Cabinet Office is responsible for carrying out data matching exercises. Data matching involves comparing computer records held by one body against other computer records held by the same or another body. This is usually personal information.

Computerised data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where a match is found it indicates that there is an inconsistency which requires further investigation. No assumption can be made as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out.

We participate in the Cabinet Office's National Fraud Initiative: a data matching exercise to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud. We are required to provide particular sets of data to the Cabinet Office for matching for each exercise, details of these can be found at the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-fraud-initiative-public-sector-data-requirements>

The use of data by the Cabinet Office in a data matching exercise is carried out with statutory authority under Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (LAAA). It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

Data matching carried out as part of the NFI is subject to a Code of Practice. This may be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-fraud-initiative>

Further information on the Cabinet Office's legal powers and the reasons why it matches particular information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fair-processing-national-fraud-initiative/fairprocessing-level-3-full-text>

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