

Audit and Risk Committee – for assurance

Meeting date: 3 November 2023

Time required: 5 minutes

Presenter: Chris Braithwaite

1. Topic

1.1. Fraud and Whistleblowing incidents

2. Objective of this report

2.1. To provide the Committee with an update on any fraud or whistleblowing reports.

3. Recommendation

3.1. That the Audit and Risk Committee notes the report.

4. Fraud and Whistleblowing Reports

4.1. This report covers Quarters 1 and 2 of 2023/24 (1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023).

Fraud

4.2. No incidents of fraud were reported during this period.

Whistleblowing

4.3. There has been one whistleblowing complaint made to People Services during the period. This was investigated internally in accordance with the Whistleblowing Policy, and the case is now being investigated by two external consultants under the Whistleblowing and Dignity at Work Policies.

5. Publication decision

5.1. This report can be published internally and externally without redactions.

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