

Anti Fraud and Corruption Team, Lewisham Town Hall

Re: Information Sharing

Lewisham Council also participates in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI), This is currently co-ordinated by the Audit Commission. This is a government backed initiative which matches data from a range of public and private bodies to prevent and detect fraud. Lewisham Council is required by law to provide this information. It is currently undertaken on a two year cycle. This initiative provides valuable information which ensures that public resources are safeguarded.

This is to inform you that Lewisham Council will continue to provide pension information for data matching purposes, as part of this initiative, to the NFI or any other body nominated by Government. Therefore your personal information will, as part of this initiative be passed for data matching purposes to the NFI or their nominated successor as and when required. Your personal information will be held and processed in accordance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998. You should be reassured that we aim to keep it secure at all times and only allow authorised persons to have access to it.

The Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Team (A-FACT) investigates all fraud against Lewisham Council, including benefit fraud, housing fraud and allegations of fraud, corruption or financial malpractice of council staff, external contractors, clients and organizations which receive council grants.

Help us to prevent fraud

**If you would like to report a fraud against Lewisham Council
You should call the 24 hour Fraud Hotline
0800 0850119 or e-mail reportfraud@lewisham.gov.uk**

Any information that you provide will be treated in strictest confidence

You can find more information on how Lewisham shares information held by the Council at www.lewisham.gov.uk. For further information on the National Fraud Initiative and the code of practice that governs the data matching see www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nfi