



Counter Fraud Authority

# Working together to fight NHS fraud

# Day 1

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**Why are we  
here?**

**What do we  
get from it?**

**How is this  
part of our  
organisational  
journey?**



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# Sue Frith

Interim Chief Executive



**The launch of  
NHSCFA**

**CEO's Vision  
for the future**

**Working together to  
achieve a vision**



**Sue  
Frith**  
Interim Chief Executive



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**Simon  
Hughes**  
Interim Board Chair



**What is the role and responsibility of the board?**

**What is the structure?**

**What is the board's vision for NHSCFA?**

**How do we link to the government fraud framework?**



# **Simon Hughes**

**Interim Board Chair**



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**Mark  
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# An overview of the DHSC Anti-Fraud Unit (AFU)

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# 1. What's the point of the AFU?

- DHSC AFU created in November 2014;
- Before this one person in DHSC and it would not have been lawful for NHS Protect/NHSCFA to conduct DHSC investigations;
- AFU has overall strategic responsibility for all counter fraud work in health group – DHSC, the NHS in England and all the Arms Length Bodies;
- When Ministers and other politicians have a query about fraud work their first port of call is the AFU;
- Civil actions against drug companies on behalf of SofS.

# 1. What's the point of the AFU?

- Some examples of our work:
  - AFU is the “sponsor” branch in DHSC for the NHSCFA.
  - Supporting DHSC Ministers, including briefing, Parliamentary Questions and representing DHSC counter fraud work across Government;
  - Policy development and fraud proofing;
  - Funding for counter fraud work (including NHSCFA) and engagement with HM Treasury and Cabinet Office.

# 1. What's the point of the AFU?

- All legislation – including all the legislation which created the NHSCFA;
- Recruitment of NHSCFA board;
- Investigating non-NHS fraud cases.

## 2. AFU and the work of the NHSCFA

- Best illustrated with some examples:
  - Support and develop legislative change to facilitate your work - eg powers of access to data and information;
  - Negotiate with HM Treasury and Cabinet Office on future shape of counter fraud work;
  - Ensure DHSC Ministers know about your work and deliver their policy requirements;
  - Set your overall strategic scope, funding and direction in consultation with your CEO, Board and DHSC colleagues.

## 2. AFU and the work of the NHSCFA

- Work with you to facilitate engagement with DHSC policy colleagues to design fraud out of the system;
- Carry out joint investigative work where appropriate;
- Develop and publish the overall Counter Fraud Strategic Plan for Health Group;
- Act as the “champion” for NHSCFA and counter fraud work across DHSC and central Government.

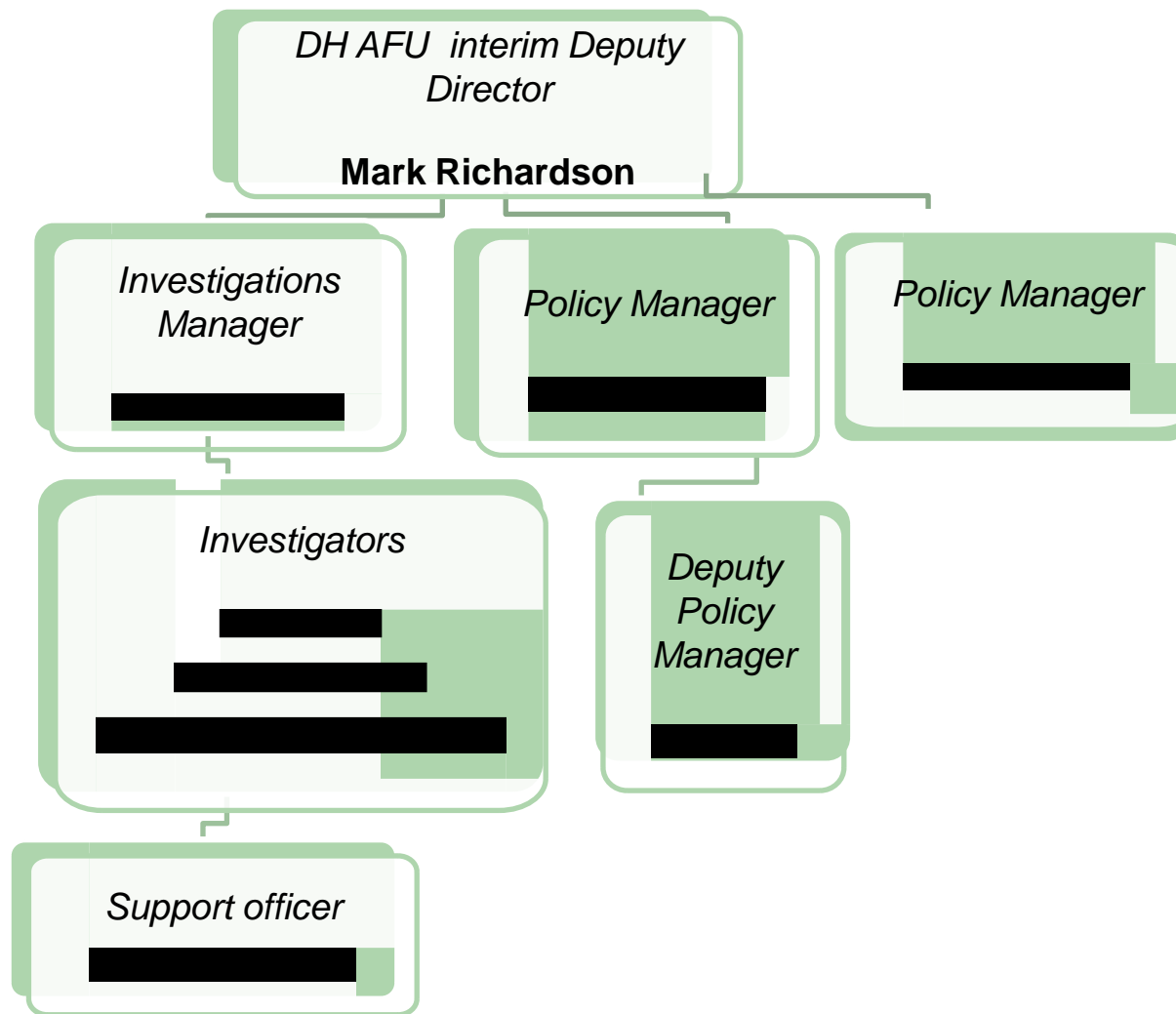


### 3. AFU team structure



- Relatively small unit within DHSC, 11 people when fully staffed;
- Split between policy work and investigations;
- Look at all allegations of fraud which do not directly affect the health service – not just within DHSC, but within Arms Length Bodies like Public Health England and NHS Improvement.

### 3. AFU team structure

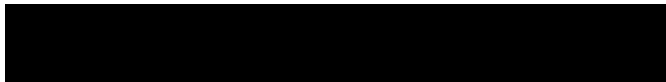


## 4. The future

- In common with all new Special Health Authorities, the NHSCFA has a three year life span initially but this can be extended;
- The AFU will be the part of DHSC that prepares and delivers the legislation for Parliament for any extension to the lifespan of the NHSCFA;
- Over the coming years we'll be working with you to maximise recognition of the NHSCFA and the benefits your work brings to the NHS and the public/taxpayer more generally.

# 4. Conclusion & questions

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**Break 14:30 14:50**