

National Fraud Initiative 2020/21:

The use of legacy DFID data to prevent or detect fraud.

The legacy DFID side FCDO is participating in the National Fraud Initiative (NFI) 2020/21 data matching exercise carried out by the Cabinet Office. FCDO is required by law to protect public funds that we administer and our participation in the NFI will assist in the prevention and detection of fraud.

FCDO are participating on a voluntary basis and will provide the Cabinet Office with details of legacy DFID trade creditors as set out in the [Cabinet Office Guidance](#). This form of data matching involves comparing computer records held by one public body against those held by other public bodies to establish if there are any corresponding records.

Computerised data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where an inconsistency is found it may indicate that further investigation is necessary. The use of data by the Cabinet Office in a data matching exercise is carried out with statutory authority under its powers in Part 2A of the Audit Commission Act, 1998. It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under the Data Protection Act, 1998.

Data matching by the Cabinet Office is subject to a [Code of Practice](#). Further information on the [Cabinet Office's legal powers](#) and reasons why it matches particular information.