

# SHARING OF DATA WITH A SPECIFIED ANTI-FRAUD ORGANISATION (SAFO) FOR THE PREVENTION OF FRAUD

## FAIR PROCESSING NOTICE FOR THE PREVENTION OF FRAUD

### Summary

Wakefield Council may disclose information you provide to a Specified Anti-Fraud Organisation (SAFO) for the purposes of preventing fraud.

### Sharing of information for the prevention of fraud

Fraud is estimated to cost the public sector over £20 billion per year of which at least £2 billion is in local government. It is therefore in all our interests to prevent fraud from occurring as each pound lost reduces the ability to provide public services.

Public authorities such as Wakefield Council are required by law to protect the public funds they administer. We therefore have a particular responsibility to ensure that taxpayers' money is not taken out of the system fraudulently.

Section 68 of the Serious Crime Act 2007 was introduced as part of the Government's commitment to preventing fraud. It enables public authorities to disclose information for the purposes of preventing fraud, as a member of a SAFO or otherwise in accordance with any arrangements made with such an organisation.

A SAFO enables or facilitates the sharing of information for the prevention of fraud and is specified by an order made by the Secretary of State. Disclosures of information from a public authority to a SAFO are subject to a Code of Practice and this, along with a full list of SAFO's we may share information with, can be found on the Home Office website below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-sharing-for-the-prevention-of-fraud-code-of-practice>

In addition, all disclosures must be made in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

For further details, please contact Information Governance on (01924) 306112 or David Werritt (Principal Auditor) on (01924) 306031.