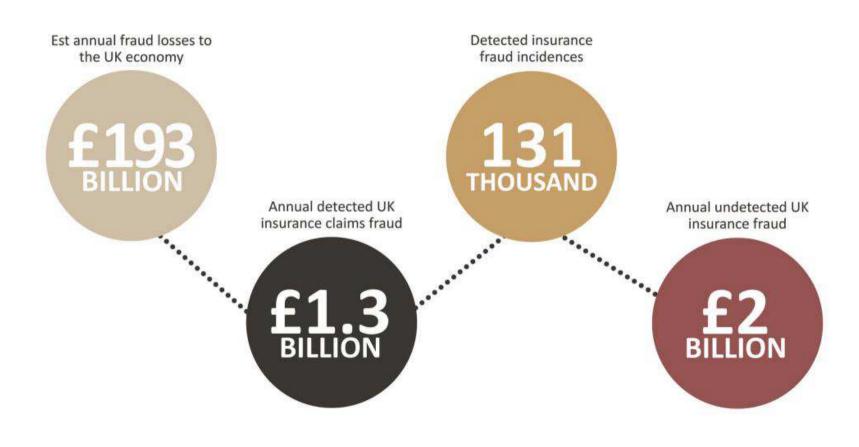


# Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department

Why does insurance fraud matter?



#### Scale of the problem





#### How broad is the problem?

- 23% of customers in UK who had made a home or car claim in the last 2 years had overstated the value (Accenture, Claims Customer Survey)
- 22% of those surveyed in England and Wales said they would consider padding an insurance claim (Karstedt and Farrall, 2006)
- 11% of adults had committed insurance claims fraud in the previous 12 months (ABI Fraud Research Report, 2007)



#### Industry wide strategy





# The Cycle More **Less Police Fraud** Investigation No **Deterrent**



#### Why the City of London police











#### **Achievements**



➤ 2,000 people interviewed as suspects



> 1,300 investigations covering over £150 million of fraud losses

> 700 convictions and cautions



#### Recovering proceeds of crime

Fraudsters forced to sell their homes (Rattigan)

Forfeit their pensions (Jeremy Jones)

Serve extended term of imprisonment (Buckharee – 5 years)



#### Landmark Prosecutions

Harley Street doctor jailed after faking invoices worth almost £200,000 The Daily Telegraph

> Crooked bus inspector behind £400,000 'crash for cash' scam on No 42 bus in Rusholme

Evening New

Car insurance fraudster Jaymz William Charlton Clarke-Tomlinson

Daily Echo jailed after conning 100 drivers

> Former LV= staffer jailed for leaking claims data Insurance Times



#### What we have learned





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- Its not <u>just</u> insurance fraud
- Organised crime groups use insurance fraud to raise money for other activities
- Insurance is required to mask other criminality, including drugs and other commodity movements, anti social behaviour, burglary

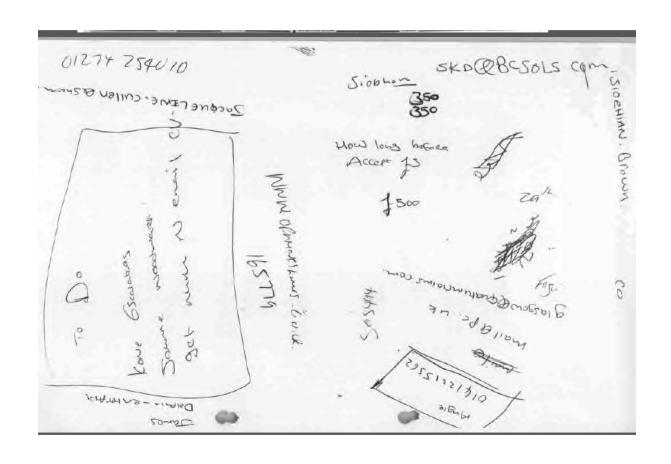


# In defence of data sharing





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#### Looks plausible





### The reality









#### Who is behind it?



#### 2006

Fraud 3 years imprisonment ordered to repay £83,000, plus a further 730 days in default, paid nothing back

#### Oct 2012

20 months Imprisonment 8 counts of fraud benefit figure £131,830.79

Repaid £20,000

#### **June 2013**

3 years imprisonment 18 counts of Fraud benefit figure £490,270 repaid £511 only.



# Customer is always right

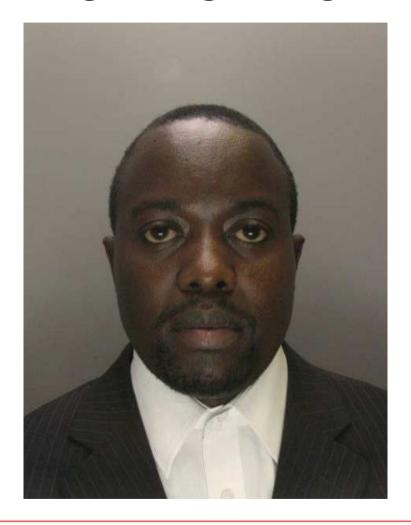
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I confirm that this patient is/was under medical attention and was totally prevented from working for remuneration or profit from his/her normal occupation.
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Doctor's Name BLOCKCAPITALS: V.T.HOUAS
Doctor's Stamp:
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on headed paper confirming this information  or M J Thomas and Partners
Cranfield and Mension Surgery.
137 High Street, Cranfield
Bedford MK43 0HZ
Tel: 01234 750294
Faxt 01234 750588

# Be suspicious

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Gross Salary, (this should NOT include bonuses or overtime):	
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How long will they be on full pay?	***
How long will they be on half pay?	
If your employee has returned to work intermittently please give all periods of absence from the first occurrence today's date:	e to
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Is the employee still employed by you YES/NO if No, whose decision was it to terminate, and why?	
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Print Name (Capitals): Date: 24-1-15	
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Dixon Deboise Partne	rship
2 Maidstone Road	_
Tenbridge, TN12 6B TEL:01892831110	



# Do fraudsters get long enough sentences?





#### Why does it matter?

- "Insurance fraud is not victimless. It pushes up the cost of insurance for honest consumers; funds the wider activities of criminal gangs; and puts pressure on essential public services, such as the NHS and courts. Contrary to the perception of many of those who commit fraud, they are not stealing from a faceless corporation. The costs are paid by their friends, families and neighbours through higher insurance premiums. The value of detected fraud is in excess of £1 billion and undetected insurance fraud is estimated to cost the UK economy more than £2 billion a year. Furthermore the normalisation of fraudulent behaviour is socially corrosive and erodes trust."
- Insurance Fraud Taskforce 2016



## Why does it matter?

#### **BBC** NEWS

#### Judge convicts Leeds 'cash for crash' killers

27 February 2017 Leeds & West Yorkshire



# **QUESTIONS?**

