[News story: Charity Fraud Awareness Week wins award](#)

The Charity Fraud Awareness Week campaign (22-26 October 2018) has won a Government Counter Fraud Award for outstanding international collaboration.

We partnered with more than 40 charities, regulators, professional bodies and other stakeholders across the world to help combat fraud targeted against charities.

The [Government Counter Fraud Awards](#) celebrate the exceptional work being done to protect public funds in the UK. They are hosted by the Charted Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Counter Fraud Centre, the National Crime Agency (NCA), Cabinet Office and City of London Police.

The next Charity Fraud Awareness Week will run from 21 to 25 October 2019.

All the resources produced for Charity Fraud Awareness Week remain available to help with protecting your charity against fraud.

Fraud week helpsheets

These short helpsheets cover fraud topics and have useful advice to protect your charity.

- [getting to know your grant holders](#) (PDF, 188KB, 2 pages)

- [getting to know your donors](#) (PDF, 189KB, 2 pages)

- [an introduction to legacy fraud](#) (PDF, 163KB, 2 pages)

- [an introduction to fundraising event fraud](#) (PDF, 187KB, 2 pages)

- [getting to know your staff (insider fraud)](#) (PDF, 190KB, 2 pages)

- [an introduction to whistleblowing](#) (PDF, 195KB, 2 pages)

- [an introduction to moving money safely](#) (PDF, 185KB, 2 pages)

Fraud week e-learning videos

Cyber fraud

[Cyber fraud (e-learning resource)](#)

Due diligence and partnership working

[Due diligence and partnership working (e-learning resource)](#)

Creating a counter fraud framework

[Creating a counter fraud framework](#)

Crowdfunding

[Crowdfunding best practice](#)

Insider fraud

[Combatting insider fraud](#)

Whistleblowing

[Whistleblowing to the regulators](#)

Banking fraud

[Moving money safely: an introduction to bank fraud](#)

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1. 20 February 2019 Charity Fraud Awareness Week has won a government counter fraud award. Use our helpsheets and e-learning videos to help protect your charity against fraud.
2. 26 October 2018 Added a banking fraud e-learning video.
3. 24 October 2018 Added new helpsheets and webinars related to charity fraud topics.
4. 22 October 2018 Added a link to a fraud webinar on Friday 26 October.
5. 1 October 2018 First published.

[News story: Charity Fraud Awareness Week (22 – 26 October 2018)](#)

This is the third annual [Charity Fraud Awareness Week](#) aiming to help you increase resilience against fraud.

More than 40 charities, regulators, professional bodies and other stakeholders are joining forces to help combat fraud targeted against charities.

The main aims of the week are to:

- raise awareness of the key risks affecting the sector
- promote and share good counter-fraud practices
- promote honesty and openness about fraud

Fraud awareness week themes

Each day of national charity fraud week the campaign will focus in on particular topics.

Monday 22 October	Cyber-fraud (current and emerging threats)
Tuesday 23 October	Grant fraud (due diligence and partnership working)
Wednesday 24 October	Donation fraud/legacy fraud
Thursday 25 October	Insider fraud
Friday 26 October	Moving money safely

How to get involved

We are encouraging the charity sector to get involved in Fraud Awareness Week, you can:

- download a [UK supporters pack](#) from the Fraud Advisory Panel website
- download an [international edition of the supporters pack](#) from the Fraud Advisory Panel website
- develop your own counter fraud activities aimed at staff and volunteers, members and beneficiaries, donors and supporters, for example staff awareness training
- [join the conversation on Twitter](#) by promoting your own counter fraud messages or retweet ours using the hashtag #CharityFraudOut

Our guidance will also help you to [protect your charity from fraud](#).

[News story: Manchester seminar: Complex commissioning for complex needs](#)

Thursday, 6 November, 2018

featuring

Laura Furness │ Head of Funding│ Big Lottery Fund Paul Pandolfo │ Programme Manager │ Shelter Plus special guests with lived experience of multiple and complex needs

Please see the attached flyer for details and how to book.

PDF, 446KB, 1 page

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[Press release: Parole Board Chief Executive's Blog — 2nd Edition — September 2018](#)

It has been another busy few months here at the Parole Board and it doesn't seem to be easing up any time soon.

Welcome to our new Chair

First of all, some good news — [our new Chair has been appointed](#). Caroline Corby is now here on a permanent basis, which I think will be great for the Board after a period of significant scrutiny. She brings lots of experience and will provide the leadership we need. We can now focus on making the most of the reforms that are happening to make the Board more effective than ever before.

Office Move to Canary Wharf

We [have also moved offices](#) to a new Government hub in Canary Wharf, alongside other independent bodies, such as the HM Inspectorate of Prisons. As anyone who has moved house will know, this is never an easy task! But the team were fantastic in getting us organised, packed and getting us in with no disruption to our work. We are now in our new modern workspace and I think it reaffirms our independence by being out of the Ministry of Justice HQ building.

Speaking about the Board

I have been out and about again over the past few months speaking about the work of the Board. This included giving a speech at the Criminal Justice Management conference on where we are and where we want to be in the future. Talking at these events shows to me just how far we have come over the last few months, and how it is crucial that we bring people along on this journey with us.

Reducing deferrals and adjournments

There is a lot of ongoing work to reduce deferrals and adjournments. While some deferrals are unavoidable, I believe it is fundamentally unfair that prisoners have their parole review delayed for reasons out of their control. There are many pilot projects at different prisons across the country to see where delays are coming from and looking at solutions to ensure that hearings are concluded fairly and effectively. I am confident that along with HMPPS officials and prisoners' legal representatives, we will find effective ways to reduce deferrals and adjournments and start using these ideas more widely across the prison estate.

Increasing diversity

I am also reflecting on the work needed to improve the diversity of our members – I think it is crucial that they represent all parts of the community they serve.

As highlighted in [David Lammy's outstanding report](#), there is significant over-representation of BAME in the prison population, with over a quarter of the prison population from minority backgrounds. Therefore, it is vital that the membership of the Board is as diverse as possible – to help build public and prisoner confidence that we treat all people fairly, regardless of their background. It was depressing to hear from a young black prisoner serving a long sentence that he had never seen a black Parole Board Member. We must do better.

I know there are some outstanding potential members out there from a range of backgrounds and I want to find ways of encouraging more of them to join us – feel free to email me with ideas: CEO@paroleboard.gov.uk.

[News story: Digital tech to tackle healthcare challenges: apply for funding](#)

There is up to £9 million for businesses with ideas to develop novel digital technology solutions for healthcare challenges.

Funding is provided by [UK Research and Innovation](#) and delivered by Innovate UK.

Accelerating the development of digital innovations

Advancing new and novel digital technologies could significantly improve outcomes for patients, and provide cost benefits for healthcare providers.

The digital health technology catalyst aims to accelerate the development of digital health innovations and grow the sector.

Health-tech firm [FundamentalVR](#) has previously received funding through the catalyst. The company is leading a project to develop a VR surgical training platform for students to practice and gain confidence before operating on people.

[ISCF Winners. Medicines Manufacturing – FundamentalVR](#)

This competition is part of the [Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund](#) to deliver leading-edge healthcare in the UK. This £181 million fund will transform how we develop and manufacture medicines and other healthcare products, such as digital technologies, to get the right drugs and treatments to patients when they need them.

Improving on the current system

We are looking for projects that span a variety of technologies, markets and healthcare needs and improve on the current health and care system.

There are 2 competitions that businesses can apply into, depending on the stage of their project:

- up to £1 million for feasibility studies
- up to £8 million for collaborative research and development

Technologies you could look at include:

- virtual and augmented reality
- artificial intelligence and machine learning

- the Internet of Things
- data analytics and security

Your idea could be for use in a clinical or non-clinical setting. This could include digital technologies to:

- support clinical decision-making
- improve access to healthcare, support treatment compliance or patient-led management
- improve the patient experience from disease prevention through to diagnosis, treatment, recovery and long-term care
- overcome privacy challenges with managing, sharing and exploiting data
- create significant improvements in quality, speed, costs and outcomes

Feasibility studies competition information

- the competition is open and the deadline for applications is midday on 31 October 2018
- to lead a project, you'll need to be a UK-based small or medium-sized business (SME)
- SMEs can work alone or collaborate with others, including businesses, NHS organisations, universities, research and technology organisations, public sector organisations or charities
- your project can last up to 12 months and have total costs of between £50,000 and £75,000
- businesses could get up to 70% of their project costs
- projects must start by 1 April 2019

Collaborative research and development competition information

- the competition is open and the deadline for applications is midday on 31 October 2018
- to lead a project, you'll need to be a UK-based SME
- you will need to collaborate with others, including businesses, NHS organisations, universities, research and technology organisations, public sector organisations or charities
- your project can last up to 24 months and have total costs of between £300,000 and £1 million
- businesses could get up to 70% of their project costs
- applicants that meet a quality threshold will be invited to interview from 7 to 11 January 2019
- projects must start by 1 April 2019