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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## 1. When are you next going through an audit of the national fraud initative?

## The next National Fraud Initiative exercise will take place in the current financial year (2024/25). 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?

Confirmation of Payee (via the banking provider) is in place. In addition to this there are three predominant controls the organisation has adopted:

1) regular duplicate payments checks carried out to detect and resolve any payment issues as and when they arise,

2) standing data cleanse to identify and remove any duplicate/incorrect payee details,

3) the use of software to transform documents into a format readable by our Accounts Payable system, thus improving accuracy of data entry/reducing any keying errors.

3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.  
Confirmation of Payee (CoP) is an account name-checking service designed to help reduce misdirected payments and provide greater assurance that payments are being sent, and collected from, the intended account holder for UK domestic payments.

This is a service provided at point of payment by our banking provider. Our current contract runs until July 2026.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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