

National Fraud Initiative (NFI) Privacy Notice

The West Midlands Combined Authority is required by law to protect the public funds it administers. WMCA may share information provided to it with other bodies responsible for; auditing, or administering public funds, or where undertaking a public function, in order to prevent and detect fraud.

The Cabinet Office is responsible for carrying out data matching exercises.

The Cabinet Office conducts data matching exercises to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud. This is one of the ways in which the Minister for the Cabinet Office takes responsibility within government for public sector efficiency and reform.

Data matching involves comparing sets of data against other records held by the same or another body to see how far they match. The data is usually personal information. The data matching allows potentially fraudulent claims and payments to be identified. Where a match is found it may indicate that there is an inconsistency that requires further investigation. No assumption can be made as to whether there is fraud, error or other explanation until an investigation is carried out.

We are required to provide particular sets of data to the Minister for the Cabinet Office for matching for each exercise, as detailed [here](#).

The use of data by the Cabinet Office in a data matching exercise is carried out with statutory authority under [Part 6 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014](#). It does not require the consent of the individuals concerned under data protection legislation or the GDPR.

Data matching by the Cabinet Office is subject to a [Code of Practice](#).

View further information on the [Cabinet Office's legal powers and the reasons why it matches particular information](#).

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