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REQUEST

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- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?**
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RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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June-December 2024.

- 2. What current procedures do you have in place such as confirmation of payee against fraud?**

Validation and due diligence checks are performed on all suppliers before any set-ups or amendments are actioned. If any of these checks fail, the set-up or amendment does not take place.

The organization has a variety of financial controls in place which are designed to prevent fraud. These controls are reviewed and tested regularly as part of internal and external audit activity, as well as being subject to periodic reviews by the Trust's anti-fraud specialist. The set-

up/amendment will go through further verification checks conducted by the Trust's shared business service partner. It is not the Trust's practice, on the advice of the Anti-Fraud Specialist, to go into detail regarding specific fraud controls in place.

3. What is your current confirmation of payee software incumbent product & the renewal date of the contract.

Part of SBS offering.