



Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004

2004 CHAPTER 23

[^{F1}PART 3A

DATA MATCHING

[^{F1}64A Power to conduct data matching exercises

- (1) The Auditor General for Wales may conduct data matching exercises ^{F2}....
- (2) A data matching exercise is an exercise involving the comparison of sets of data to determine how far they match (including the identification of any patterns and trends).
- (3) The power in subsection (1) is exercisable for the purpose of assisting in the prevention and detection of fraud in or with respect to Wales.
- (4) That assistance may, but need not, form part of an audit.
- (5) A data matching exercise may not be used to identify patterns and trends in an individual's characteristics or behaviour which suggest nothing more than his potential to commit fraud in the future.
- (6) In the following provisions of this Part, reference to a data matching exercise is to an exercise conducted or arranged to be conducted under this section.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 3A inserted (1.3.2008 for s. 64G(1)(3)(4) and 6.4.2008 otherwise) by [Serious Crime Act 2007](#) (c. 27), ss. 73, 94, [Sch. 7 para. 4](#); S.I. 2008/219, [art. 3\(i\)](#); S.I. 2008/755, [art. 16](#)
- F2** Words in s. 64A(1) omitted (1.4.2014) by virtue of [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) (anaw 3), s. 35(2), [Sch. 4 para. 62](#) (with [Sch. 3 para. 3](#)); S.I. 2013/1466, [art. 3\(1\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, Section 64A.