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**Issue** The Macfarlane Trust payments and other disregarded sources of income

**Action** To note and cascade to your people

**Timing** Immediate

### **Background**

Following ministerial correspondence with the Chief Executive of The MacFarlane Trust in which concerns were raised over the treatment of beneficiaries of the Trust, please alert all investigators of the need to consider MacFarlane Trust payments and other disregarded sources of income when carrying out the evidence gathering stage of an investigation or during an interview under caution (IUC).

### **Clarification**

The Decision Makers Guide Volume 5 Chapter 29 relates to payments that **do not** have to be declared and/or that are disregarded. This includes payments from

- Macfarlane Trust
- Macfarlane ( Special Payments) Trust
- Macfarlane ( Special Payments) (No. 2) Trust Fund
- Eileen Trust

- Skipton Fund
- London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund.

The person receiving the payment is informed by the issuing organisation that they do not have to declare these payments.

Payments from these organisations may be identifiable at the evidence gathering stage of an investigation. However, if the source of the capital/payments is not identifiable, the customer may be invited to attend an IUC. If, during the interview the customer identifies the source of the payments as being from any of the above organisations, investigators should be sensitive in their questioning and limit their questions to the source of the payments and the amounts in payment.

Where payments relate to The Macfarlane Trust all enquiries should be directed to the Single Points of contacts listed below

John Armstrong  
Fraud Investigation Service  
Strategy and Planning  
0207 3423861  
E-mail  
Armstrong John FIS Tresco House

Clare Grummett  
Fraud Investigation Service  
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0115 9448010  
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Benefit Delivery Specialist Operations Team will obtain information about payments from other organisations if necessary.

Further information on these organisations, their purpose and the rules surrounding the disregards that operate in relation to payments can be found using the following link.

[http://intranet.link2.gpn.gov.uk/1/jcp/guidance/bus\\_del/a-z/jobseekers%20allowance/Jobseekers%20Allowance%20Procedural%20Guidance/dwp\\_m118554-16.asp](http://intranet.link2.gpn.gov.uk/1/jcp/guidance/bus_del/a-z/jobseekers%20allowance/Jobseekers%20Allowance%20Procedural%20Guidance/dwp_m118554-16.asp)

The information in FPI will be updated in the near future.

Please cascade this information appropriately.

Many thanks

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