

# Serious Fraud Office Strategy 2024-2029, *LexisNexis Corporate Crime*

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In their recent article for *LexisNexis Corporate Crime*, London Investigations, Compliance, and Defense Partner Lucy Blake and Associate André Nwadiakwa analyse the UK Serious Fraud Office's (SFO) newly introduced strategy for 2024-2029 – the first under its new director, Nick Ephgrave.

The strategy sets out the SFO's goal to be seen as the leading force in tackling serious fraud, bribery, and corruption by achieving four main goals: enhancing workforce skills, embracing technology, improving crime-fighting methods, and actively engaging in the global and domestic justice system. To achieve these, the SFO plans to invest in staff development, leverage technological advancements, strengthen intelligence-led operations, explore innovative alternatives to formal prosecution, and enhance international cooperation.

Despite criticism for lacking detailed plans, the SFO has already initiated signs of proactive action under its new director with several investigations underway.

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