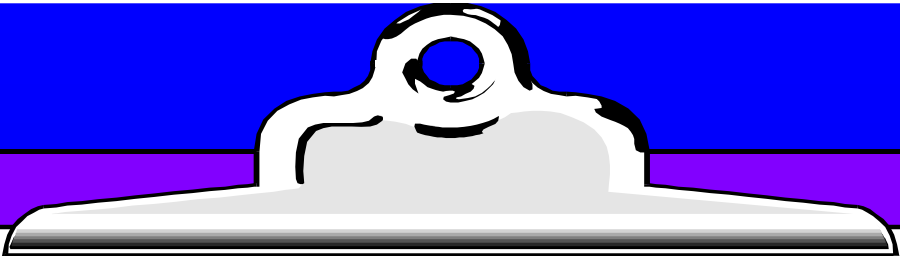


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THE AUDIT COMMISSION AND ITS ROLE IN ENSURING GOOD CONDUCT IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN ENGLAND



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- **Introducing the Audit Commission**
 - **The role and responsibilities of public sector auditors and inspectors**
 - **Ensuring good standards of conduct and countering fraud in the public sector**

THE PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC AUDIT

- Independent appointment of auditors
- Mandatory value for money
- Public interest reporting



FUNCTIONS OF THE AUDIT COMMISSION

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AUDIT REGULATOR

- Setting standards
- Making auditor appointments
- Setting fees
- Purchasing audit services
- Providing technical support
- Monitoring performance



AUDIT COMMISSION

2,400 staff (including Operations Directorate)

£220m+ turnover

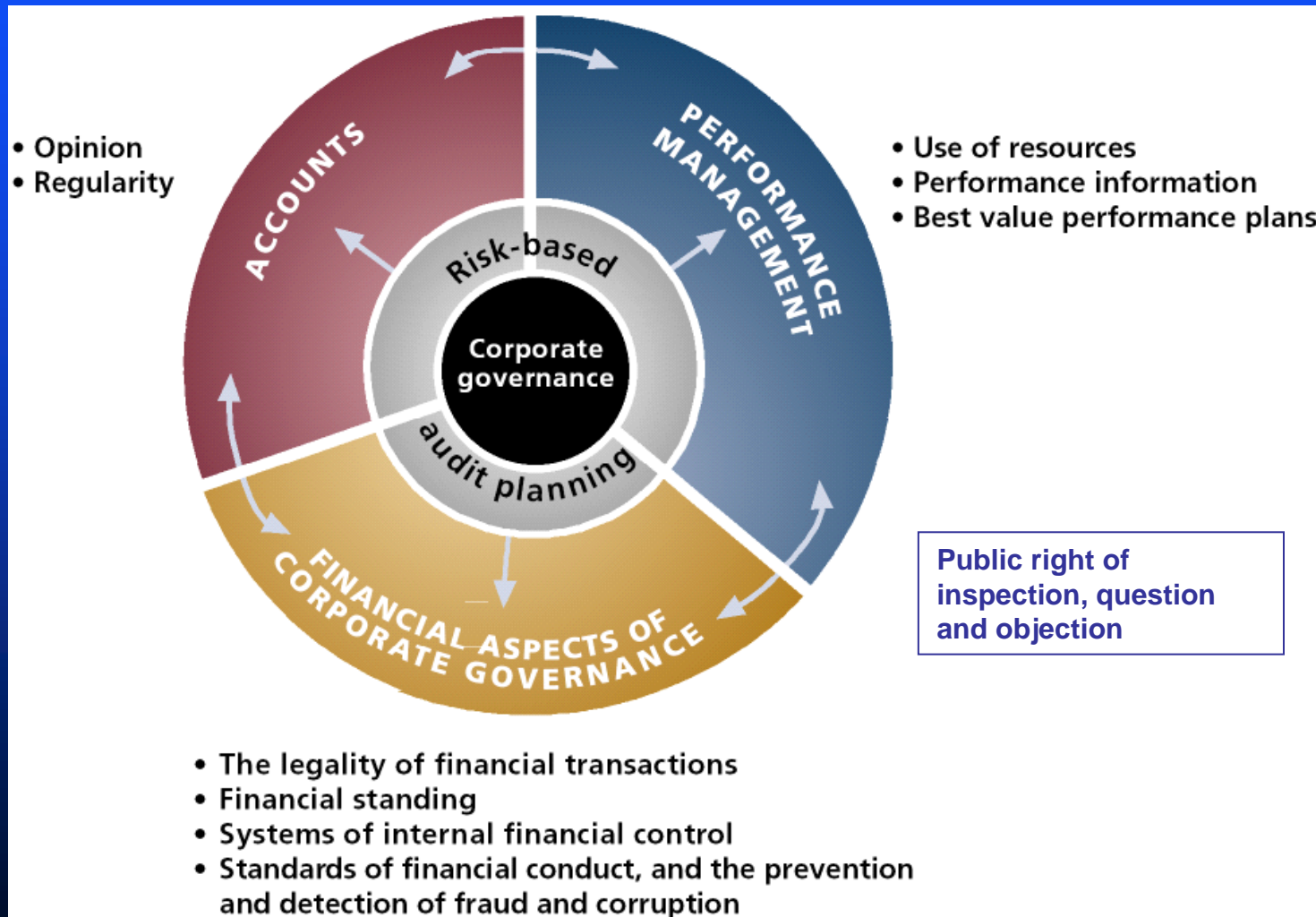
OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE

4 Regions + Wales

70% of the Audit Work

All Audit Commission Inspection Work

CODE OF AUDIT PRACTICE



CODE OF AUDIT PRACTICE (APRIL 2000)

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Financial conduct and fraud and corruption

Responsibility

Corporate governance arrangements
Values and standards (Ethics)
Codes of Conduct
Standing orders, financial regulations
Anti-fraud strategies and arrangements
Whistleblowing

Management

Developing
Implementing
Promulgating
Monitoring

External Auditors

Review arrangements
Evidence judgements
Report

NEW ROLES FOR AUDITORS

Agents for Organisational Change

- Raising awareness of risks
- Improving and strengthening cultures and values
- Helping assess arrangements in practice
- Influencing actions and decisions
- Facilitating self-assessment by managers
- Empowering, engaging, committing managers

OUR GOVERNANCE RESPONSE

Audit Approach

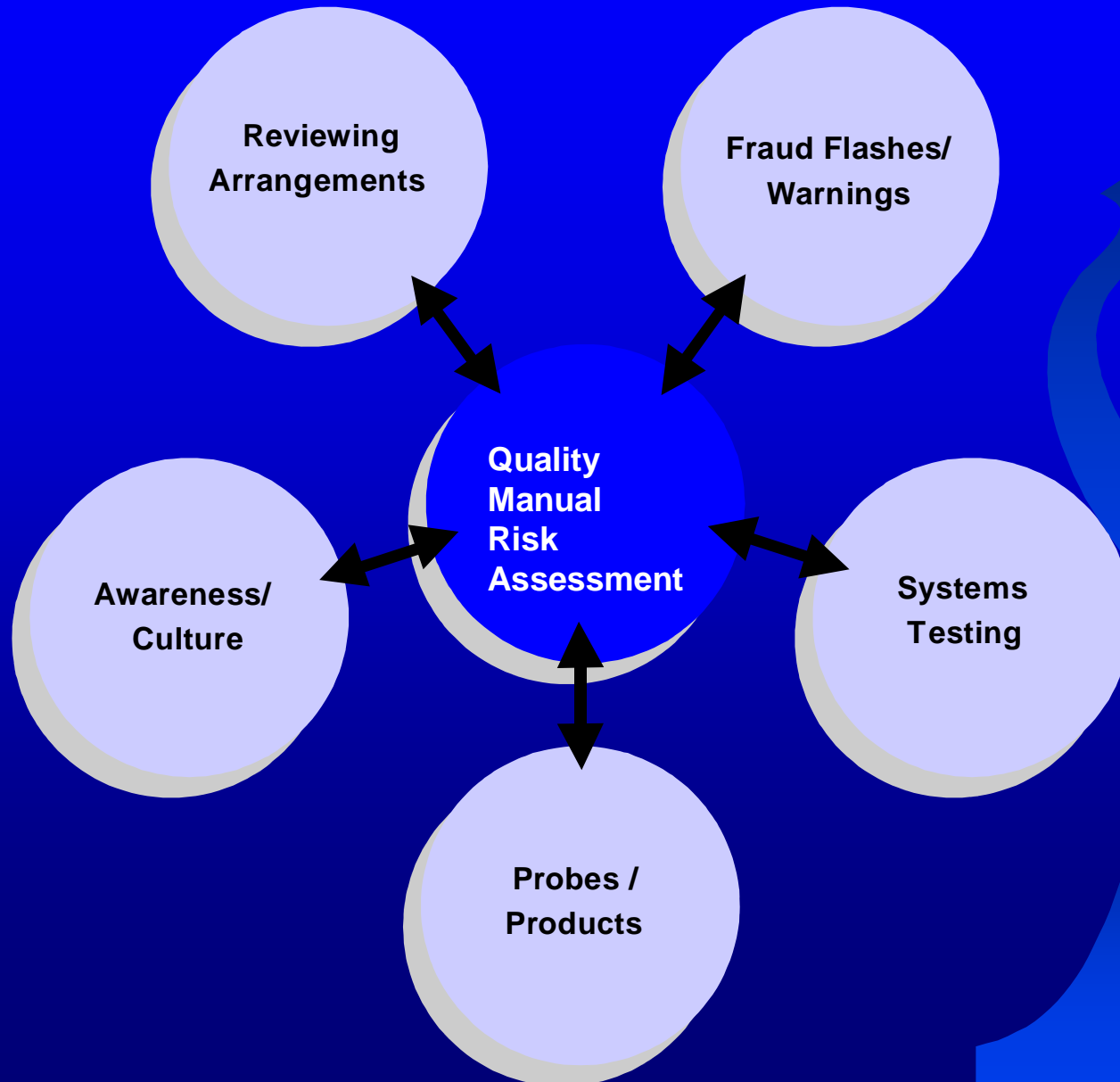
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Skills and training

IT / Data matching

Working with others

OUR AUDIT APPROACH



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SKILLS AND TRAINING

Accountancy training

Specialist training

- investigators courses
- diplomas
- MBAs

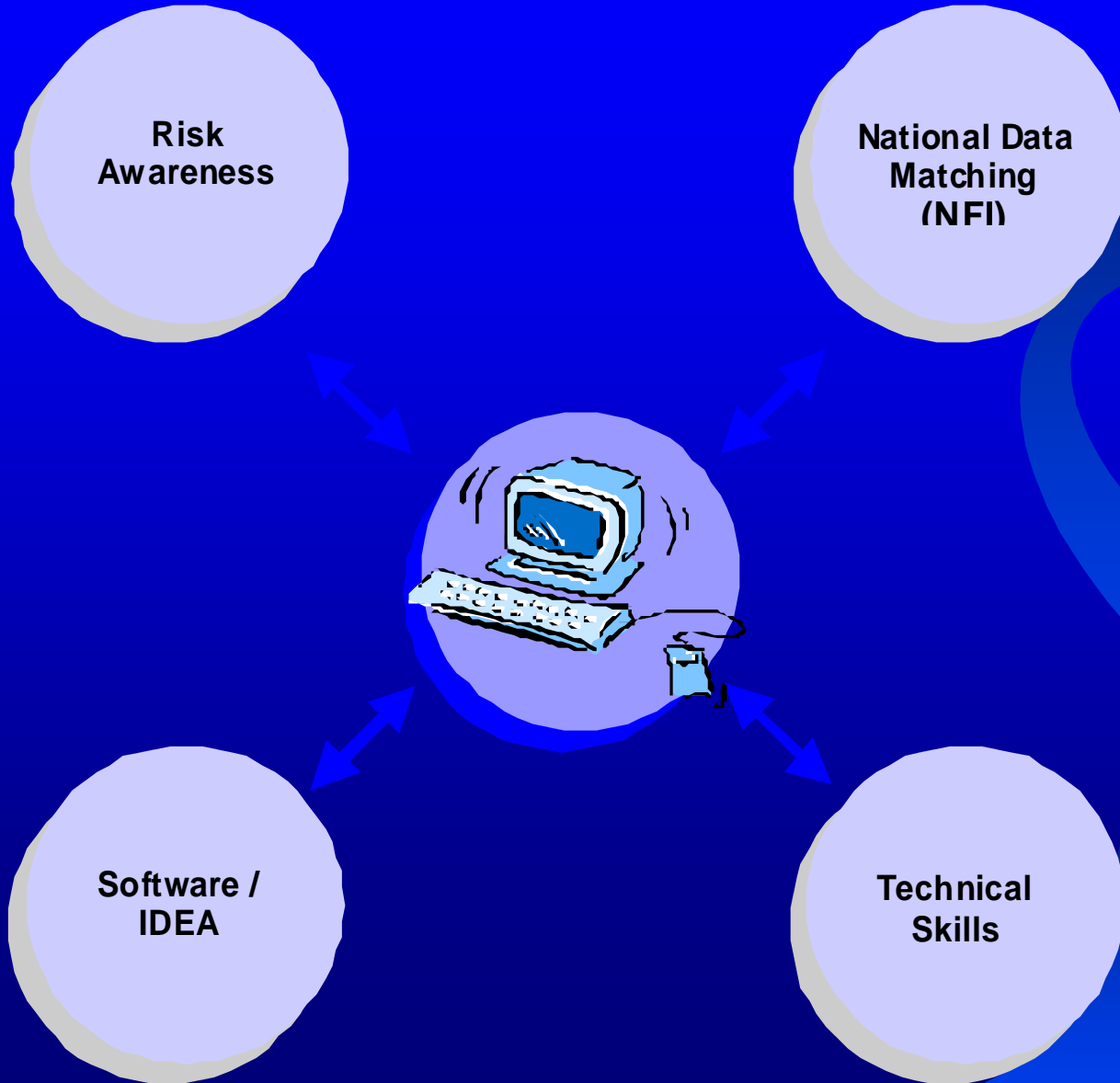
In-house training

External seminars / conferences

New skills - facilitation

USING TECHNOLOGY TO COMBAT FRAUD

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WORKING WITH OTHERS

By working together, we will be stronger
and can make the most efficient and
effective use of scarce resources.



*'A successful campaign against corruption
demands the full participation of all sections
in society, including most importantly civil
society, and with it, the business community'*

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COMMON GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Cross-sectoral partnerships, conflicts of interest and new management accountability

New ways of acquiring services and supplies

e-government and new technology

Citizens' concerns / expectations

Growing concern about failing public bodies

HOW WE HAVE WORKED WITH OTHERS

- Sharing emerging risks and issues
- Building comparative databases
- Exchanging products, tools and responses
- Matching data
- Transferring skills
- Creating Champions

WHO WE HAVE WORKED WITH:

England



Worldwide



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