

PRESS INFORMATION

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Quest scoops 'Best Anti-Fraud Measure' at industry awards

Quest, the major IT infrastructure supplier in the survey and mortgage valuation market, has been presented with the 'Best Anti-Fraud Measure' award at Mortgage Finance Gazette's annual ceremony. Quest's Q-Guard fraud detection and prevention tool, which was beta-launched 18 months ago, impressed the judges with its ability to alert the industry to potential fraudulent risks at the point of the mortgage valuation, prior to any funds being released.

With financial fraud becoming a greater problem in today's world, the judges were keen to receive nominations that highlighted new ways that the industry had responded to this growing issue. Quest's Q-Guard was praised for its ability to intelligently analyse cases using a broad range of data to pinpoint potential risks. Alerts are then distributed to the lender so the case can be inspected before it proceeds any further.

Joanne Atkin, Editor of Mortgage Finance Gazette, said: "The rise in mortgage fraud is worrying for lenders so Quest should be applauded for developing anti-fraud software that flags up potential fraudulent activity at the valuation stage, crucially before a lender releases mortgage funds. Well done to Quest on winning the Best Anti-Fraud Measure Award and for successfully tracking fraudsters since launching its Q-Guard system 18 months ago."

Comments James Sherwood-Rogers, managing director, Quest: "This award is a fantastic achievement for everyone involved in Q-Guard's evolution during its 18-month beta phase. We have been working closely with risk managers, lenders and surveying teams across the industry to develop Q-Guard to ensure the market is supported by an intelligent software tool that not only detects mortgage fraud, but also helps deter. We are all extremely proud to have received the 'Best Anti-Fraud Measure' from Mortgage Finance Gazette for Q-Guard, and are confident that as the solution further evolves it will greatly support lenders in their fight against mortgage-related fraud."

For further information, please telephone 0844 844 9969 or visit www.questuk.com.

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Notes to Editors:

High resolution images of James Sherwood-Rogers are available on request.

About Quest:

Established in 1982, Quest, which is part of Landmark Information Group, is the market leading provider of survey and mortgage valuation software in the UK. Quest has also developed Q-Guard, a fraud detection and prevention tool that supports the industry in combating mortgage fraud.

In addition, Quest also specialises in delivering software applications that allow users to access, develop, collate and share the contents of HIPs, Home Reports, the Energy Performance Certificate and Home Condition Report in a secure electronic environment.

Its technology is integrated with a majority of the DEA accreditation schemes and Scottish Protocols, including RICS and BRE, providing access to the largest resource of assessors for an efficient turnaround.

The company is a founder-member of the Association of HIP Providers.

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