

CHARITY BOSS JAILED FOR FRAUD

A charity finance boss has been jailed for paying £500,000 into her own bank account in a systematic fraud carried out over a period of 10 years.

Lesley Pickens, 59, created fictitious invoices to con her employers Rathbone, despite telling them she had previously been in prison for deception.

Pickens, of Knowls Lane, Oldham, admitted 25 counts of fraud and 112 offences were taken into consideration.

She was jailed for three years and four months at Manchester Crown Court.

The court heard how she carried out the fraud each month to help pay off her credit card bills.