**Fraud 2022/23**

**Annual publication**

The Transparency Act 2015 required us to publish the following information:

* number of occasions we use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England Regulations 2014, or similar powers

For 2022/23:

PSHF Regulations - 0

Social Security Fraud Act 2001 - 0

* total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and protection of fraud

For 2022/23:

Housing Benefit:

Absolute: 0; FTE: 0 in Revenues & Benefits

*Fraud investigation now carried out by the Department for Work & Pensions – Single Fraud Investigatory Service (SFIS)*

Other Fraud:

Absolute 3: FTE 0.48 *for 2022/23* *includes Covid-19 Business Grant Post Payment Assurance work.*

F*or 2022/23 Covid-19 Business Grant Post Payment Assurance work:*

Internal Audit: 143hrs Approx. £2506

* total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists

For 2022/23:

1. absolute

* total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and protection of Fraud

For 2022/23:

Internal Audit salary costs (excluding on costs) for fraud work for 0.48 FTE = £15,845.43 (calculation based on average of hourly rate of Audit Team (£17.05 per hour))

* total number of fraud cases investigated.

Other fraud: Internal Audit cases – 1

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