

Fraud 2014/15

Annual publication

Publish the following information:

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

For 2014/15:
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 2014/15:
Housing Benefit:
Absolute: 2; FTE: 1 in Revenues & Benefits
Absolute: 2; FTE: 0.03 in Legal & Democratic Services

Other Fraud:
Absolute 5, FTE 0.15 investigatory work in Internal Audit.

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

For 2014/15:
Revenue & Benefits - Headcount: 2; FTE: 1 (Housing Benefit Investigators are PINs (Professionalism in Security) trained).

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

For 2014/15:
Housing Benefit:
Revenue & Benefits: £66,770

Other fraud:
Internal Audit salary costs (including on costs) for fraud work for 0.11 FTE = £4,290 (calculation based on average of hourly rate of Auditor & Principal Auditor)

- total number of fraud cases investigated.

For 2014/15:

Housing Benefit: Referred cases - 308 Sanctions - 20 (*note 1*)

Other fraud: Internal Audit cases - 6

Note 1 Benefit cases are investigated but are not classed as fraud unless a sanction is taken out, both figures for referred cases and sanctions are therefore provided

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