

Fraud 2013/14

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 2013/14:

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 2013/14:

Housing Benefit:

Absolute: 2; FTE: 2 in Revenues & Benefits

Absolute: 2; FTE: 0.1 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 2013/14:

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

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

For 2013/14:

Housing Benefit:

Revenue & Benefits: £119,228

Other fraud:

Internal Audit salary costs (including on costs) for fraud work for 0.15 FTE = £5,850 (calculation based on average of hourly rate of Auditor & Principal Auditor)

- **total number of fraud cases investigated.**

For 2013/14:

Housing Benefit: Referred cases – 368. Sanctions - 24 (*note 1*)

Other fraud: Internal Audit cases - 7

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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