

Fraud 2020/21

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 2020/21:

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 2020/21:

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 4; FTE 0.48 – *for 2020/21 includes Covid-19 Business Grant Post Payment Assurance work*

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

For 2020/21:

1 absolute & 0.75 FTE

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

For 2020/21:

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 case of Small Business Rate Relief Covid-19 Business Grant Scheme fraud investigated by Internal Audit.

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