

# Local Government Transparency Code

## Counter Fraud Information 2023/24

This information relates to all fraud investigations including employee, social housing and council tax relief / discounts.

**Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers, used.**

14 Request made under the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Detection of Fraud and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013.

13 Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014

**Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.**

Absolute	15
FTE	14.32

Employees as @ 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

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

Absolute	14
FTE	13.5

Employees as @ 31st March 2024 who held the PINS (Professionalism in Security), CCIP (CIPFA Certificate in Investigative Practice) or ACFS (Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist) qualification.

**Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.**

£736,000 total direct salary costs (rounded to nearest £1,000).

**Total number of fraud cases investigated.**

1162 investigations across all sources and types.