

Local Government Transparency Code 2014

Counter Fraud Information 2014/15

The information provided covers all types of fraud investigations including employee, social housing, council tax relief / reduction and housing / council tax benefit. Investigators working on housing / council tax benefit transferred to the Department of Works and Pension (DWP) Single Fraud Investigation Service with effect from 1st February 2015.

Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 201432, or similar powers, used.

28 requests made for information under Authorised Officer Powers of Section 109 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992.

Information requests made via the National Anti-Fraud Network are not recorded.

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

Absolute	31
FTE	29

Employees as at 31st Jan 2015 (includes housing / council tax benefit fraud investigators).

Absolute	14
FTE	13

Employees as at 31st March 2015 (excludes housing / council tax benefit fraud investigators).

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

Absolute	27
FTE	26

Employees as at 31st Jan 2015 (includes housing / council tax benefit fraud investigators) who held the PINS (Professionalism in Security) or the CCIP (CIPFA Certificate in Investigative Practice) qualification.

Absolute	11
FTE	10.5

Employees as at 31st March 2015 (excludes housing / council tax benefit fraud investigators) who held the PINS (Professionalism in Security) or the CCIP (CIPFA Certificate in Investigative Practice) qualification.

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

924,000 direct salary costs (rounded to nearest £1,000).

Total number of fraud cases investigated.

3430 investigations across all sources. This figure includes intelligence only investigations.