

## Fraud 2016/17

### 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 2016/17:

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 2016/17:

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 3, FTE 0.28 investigatory/prevention work carried out by Internal Audit.

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

For 2016/17:

0

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

For 2016/17:

Internal Audit salary costs (including on costs) for fraud work for 0.28 FTE = £8,710 (calculation based on average of hourly rate of Auditor & Chief Internal Auditor)

- total number of fraud cases investigated.

Other fraud: Internal Audit cases – 5 internal investigations into potential fraud however concluded no fraud carried out against the Council. 1 investigation into an external attempt of fraud by misrepresentation.

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