Fraud 2018/19

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 2018/19: 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 2018/19:

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 0.15 investigatory/prevention work carried out by Internal Audit.

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

For 2018/19:

1 absolute & 0.75 FTE

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

For 2018/19:

Internal Audit salary costs (excluding on costs) for fraud work for 0.15 FTE = £5,632.61 (calculation based on average of hourly rate of Audit Specialist & Head of Internal Audit (£20.09 per hour)

total number of fraud cases investigated.

Other fraud: Internal Audit cases –7 potential fraud cases investigated by Internal Audit. 5 minor internal cases and 2 external cases.

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