Fraud 2019/20

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 2019/20: 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 2019/20: 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 0.25 investigatory/prevention work carried out by Internal Audit.

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

For 2019/20: 1 absolute & 0.75 FTE

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

For 2019/20:

Internal Audit salary costs (excluding on costs) for fraud work for 0.25 FTE = £9,888.95 (calculation based on average of hourly rate of Audit Team (£20.17 per hour))

• total number of fraud cases investigated.

Other fraud: Internal Audit cases –4 internal performance related matters investigated by Internal Audit.

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