

## Appendix 1 – Housing Benefit Fraud & Housing Tenancy Fraud Caseload as at 25/03/2015

### Housing Tenancy Fraud

Housing Tenancy Fraud Case Referrals	April 2014 to March 2015	April 2013 to March 2014	April 2012 to March 2013
Referrals received in current year	44	28	9
Cases carried over from previous years <sup>1</sup>	14	10	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Cases currently under investigation</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Cases closed with no further action</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Cases with Comptroller &amp; City Solicitor</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Cases where possession pending</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases where possession order granted</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cases where successful possession gained <sup>2</sup></b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Cases where successful prosecution action taken</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>Cases where fraudulent application identified</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Value where successful possession gained <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>£180,000</b>	<b>£180,000</b>	<b>£108,000</b>

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Previous year's data shows the position at year end, and is provided for comparative purposes. Cases carried over from previous years do not represent live cases in the current reporting year.

<sup>2</sup> Cases where successful possession has been gained will be considered for criminal action where suitable, and where offences committed are serious enough to warrant proceedings under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013 and/ or the Fraud Act 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Successful possession gained value of £18,000 per property sourced from Audit Commission value of national average temporary accommodation costs to Local Authorities for one family.

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### Housing Benefit Fraud (N.B Data is to December 2014 only as HB Fraud transferred to DWP at that point)

Housing Benefit Fraud Case Referrals	April 2014 – Dec 2014	April 2013 – March 2014	April 2012 – March 2013
Referrals Received in current year	18	37	32
Cases carried over from previous years <sup>1</sup>	15	21	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Comprising</b>			
Cases currently under investigation	0	7	12
Cases referred to DWP solicitors	0	2	1
Cases referred to City Solicitors <sup>4</sup>	1	3	1
Cases subject to benefit entitlement re-assessment	0	1	6
Cases subject to Admin Penalty Action	0	2	1
<b>Total number of live cases<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>
Successful prosecutions	4	3	5
Successful Cautions	4	5	2
Successful Admin Penalties	2	5	2
Cases where fraud proven but no further action taken <sup>5</sup>	14	5	4
Cases closed with no further action	8	25	18
<b>Total number of closed cases</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Total value of HB/ CTB overpayments relating to the investigated cases detailed above<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>£92,072</b>	<b>£128,002</b>	<b>£93,211</b>

**Notes:**

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<sup>2</sup> Total claim base approximately 1100 individuals

<sup>3</sup> Total value of benefit payments per annum circa £5.7m

<sup>4</sup> HB Fraud Investigation transferred to SFIS on 01/12/2014. One legacy HB fraud case outstanding listed for trial July 2015.

<sup>5</sup> Of the 14 cases closed with no further action, 5 were transferred to the DWP under the Single Fraud Investigation Service