

Case Summaries 2023/24

Housing Application Denied.

Housing Applicant who had a connection through City employment, claiming that she lived with her parents in Newham.

Intelligence checks showed that the applicant was married and living with her husband at an address in Redhill. They were jointly liable for council tax at the property. Her bank accounts were registered there since February 2022. Her links with parents address in Newham ended around the time that financial footprint was established at the property in Redhill and she was no longer on the electoral roll at her parents property. Application was consequentially denied as a result of the findings.

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Application received from a lady, claiming to have been living with a man at a property on the Golden Lane Estate since 2019, as a lodger sleeping on sofa and in need to her own social housing. The man in question was the sole tenant at the property and from the date that he acquired the tenancy, the lady would have moved in soon after from the circumstances she declared

National Fraud Initiative (NFI) checks reveal that she was only added to council tax liability in December 2022.

Intelligence checks revealed that in 2014 the lady changed her surname in the presence of the tenant, indicating a past relationship between the two and staff on The Estate believe the two individuals are a couple and that she did move in soon after the man became the tenant.

The evidence indicated that the tenant had failed to declare the true circumstances regarding his living arrangements at his social housing property, in respect of his council tax liability, having received approximately three and a half years of Single Person Discount fraudulently. In addition to this the tenant referred to the lady as his girlfriend, in email correspondence when adding her to the liability.

Attempts were made to speak to the tenant to clarify the circumstances at the social housing property, but despite voicemail messages being left for him, he failed to respond. A phone call was made to the applicant, with a view to a formal interview if she wished to pursue her application for housing, considering the conflicting information provided and evidence accrued. The lady decided to withdraw her application immediately.