

Appendix 1 – Housing Benefit Fraud Caseload Summary as at 31/01/2014

Housing Benefit Fraud Case Referrals	April 2013 - Date		April 2012 – March 2013		April 2011 - March 2012
Referrals Received in current year	29		32		25
Cases carried over from previous years ¹	21		20		18
Total	50		52		43
Comprising					
Cases currently under investigation	7		12		12
Cases referred to DWP solicitors	2		1		2
Cases referred to City Solicitors	3		1		4
Cases subject to benefit entitlement re-assessment	2		6		2
Cases subject to Admin Penalty Action	0		1		0
Total number of live cases²	14		21		20
Successful prosecutions	1		5		3
Successful Cautions	5		2		1
Successful Admin Penalties	4		2		1
Cases where fraud proven but no further action taken	5		4		3
Cases closed with no further action	21		18		15
Total number of closed cases	36		31		23
Total	50		52		43
Total value of HB/ CTB overpayments relating to the investigated cases detailed above³	£117,560		£93,211		£70,558
<p>Notes: ¹ 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. ² Total claim base approximately 1100 individuals ³ Total value of benefit payments per annum circa £5.7m</p>					