

Appendix 3 – Housing Benefit Fraud Caseload Summary as at Year End - 31/03/2014

Housing Benefit Fraud Case Referrals	April 2013 – March 2014	April 2012 – March 2013	April 2011 - March 2012
Referrals Received in current year	37	32	25
Cases carried over from previous years ¹	21	20	18
Total	58	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	1	6	2
Cases subject to Admin Penalty Action	2	1	0
Total number of live cases²	15	21	20
Successful prosecutions	3	5	3
Successful Cautions	5	2	1
Successful Admin Penalties	5	2	1
Cases where fraud proven but no further action taken	5	4	3
Cases closed with no further action	25	18	15
Total number of closed cases	43	31	23
Total	58	52	43
Total value of HB/ CTB overpayments relating to the investigated cases detailed above³	£128,002	£93,211	£70,558
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			