

Fraud Trends - 2011 to 30 June 2014

Fraud type	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Undeclared income	37	67	46	1
Working and drawing	19	10	18	5
Contrived tenancy	2			
Employer fraud		1		
HBMS Data Match*	88	12	2	
Landlord fraud	1	1		
Living together	34	36	54	4
Non-commercial tenancy	1			1
Non-dependants	20	13	10	3
Non-residency	4	8	18	4
Other	10	9	8	
Property owner			1	
Student award				
Undeclared capital	11	6	8	1
Total referrals	227	163	165	19

* Referrals under the HBMS Data Match fraud type have reduced because they are now recorded using the type of discrepancy that the match is identifying, e.g. when identifying an undeclared pension this would be recorded as undeclared income.

Referral source	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Members of public	54	32	65	9
Data matching	114	66	52	
Official source	59	65	48	10
Total referrals	227	163	165	19

The significant reduction in the number of referrals from Data Matching is a general trend following the automation of information regarding benefits and Tax Credits between local authorities and DWP. This trend has also decreased the number of cases of lower level fraud where a caution or administrative penalty would quite often have previously been offered.

Closures by fraud type	2014/15
Undeclared income	4
Working and drawing	3
Living together	1
Non-dependants	1
Student award	2
Total closures	11

Closures by referral source	2014/15
Members of public	1
Data matching	5
Official source	5
Total closures	11

Outcomes	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Penalty	7	6	1	
Caution	45	32	21	3
Prosecution	3	9	10	2
No sanction		26	17	6