

Fraud Trends 2011 to 31 December 2014

Referrals

| Fraud type | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Undeclared income | 37 | 67 | 46 | 8 |
| Working and drawing | 19 | 10 | 18 | 48 |
| Contrived tenancy | 2 | | | |
| Employer fraud | | 1 | | |
| HBMS Data Match | 88 | 12 | 2 | |
| Landlord fraud | 1 | 1 | | |
| Living together | 34 | 36 | 54 | 24 |
| Non-commercial tenancy | 1 | | | 1 |
| Non-dependants | 20 | 13 | 10 | 9 |
| Non-residency | 4 | 8 | 18 | 12 |
| Other | 10 | 9 | 8 | 3 |
| Property owner | | | 1 | |
| Student award | | | | |
| Undeclared capital | 11 | 6 | 8 | 2 |
| Total referrals | 227 | 163 | 165 | 107 |

| Referral source | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Members of public | 54 | 32 | 65 | 44 |
| Data matching | 114 | 66 | 52 | 36 |
| Official source | 59 | 65 | 48 | 27 |
| Total referrals | 227 | 163 | 165 | 107 |

HBMS data matches are still correctly included in the Data matching referral source. A significant reduction in the number of matches resulting in a fraud referral 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

| Closures by fraud type | 2014/15 | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Undeclared income | 7 | | | |
| Working and drawing | 15 | | | |
| Contrived tenancy | | | | |
| Employer fraud | | | | |
| HBMS Data Match | | | | |
| Landlord fraud | | | | |
| Living together | 5 | | | |
| Non-commercial tenancy | | | | |
| Non-dependants | 1 | | | |
| Non-residency | | | | |
| Other | | | | |
| Property owner | | | | |
| Student award | 2 | | | |
| Undeclared capital | | | | |
| Total closures | 30 | | | |
| Closures by referral source | 2014/15 | | | |
| Members of public | 2 | | | |
| Data matching | 15 | | | |
| Official source | 13 | | | |
| Total closures | 30 | | | |
| Outcomes | 2011/12 | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 |
| Administrative | | | | |
| Penalty | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| Caution | 45 | 32 | 21 | 4 |
| Prosecution | 3 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| No sanction | | 26 | 17 | 15 |