

## Fraud Trends 2011 to 31 March 2015

### Referrals

Fraud type	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
undeclared income	37	67	46	12
working and drawing	19	10	18	68
contrived tenancy	2			
employer fraud		1		
HBMS Data Match*	88	12	2	n/a
landlord fraud	1	1		
living together	34	36	54	30
non-commercial tenancy	1			1
non-dependants	20	13	10	11
non-residency	4	8	18	17
other	10	9	8	4
property owner			1	
student award				1
undeclared capital	11	6	8	2
<b>Total referrals</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>146</b>

Referral source	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
Members of public	54	32	65	64
Data matching	114	66	52	47
Official source	59	65	48	35
<b>Total referrals</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>146</b>

\*HBMS data matches are a referral source and historically each should be allocated a referral type, hence the source no longer applicable.

A significant reduction in the number of referrals 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

<u>Closures by fraud type</u>	<u>2014/15</u>
undeclared income	10
working and drawing	29
contrived tenancy	
employer fraud	
HBMS Data Match	
landlord fraud	
living together	5
non-commercial tenancy	
non-dependants	2
non-residency	1
Other	1
property owner	
student award	4
<u>undeclared capital</u>	
Total closures	52

<u>Closures by referral source</u>	<u>2014/15</u>
Members of public	2
Data matching	34
<u>Official source</u>	<u>16</u>
Total closures	52

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>2011/12</u>	<u>2012/13</u>	<u>2013/14</u>	<u>2014/15</u>
Administrative				
Penalty	7	6	1	1
Caution	45	32	21	5
Prosecution	3	9	10	10
No sanction		<u>26</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>15</u>
		73	49	31