

Example Cases

Case 1

A 23 year old woman accepted a caution after admitting offences relating to failing to declare her partner's employment.

This investigation began after overpayments of £2,037.96 Housing Benefit and £304.95 Council Tax Support for the period November 2013 to November 2014 were calculated following receipt of RTI information.

No wages had been declared for the partner prior to the RTI referral which showed that he had worked for 4 employers during this period.

The overpayment is being recovered through deductions from current Housing Benefit entitlement.

Case 2

A 75 year old woman accepted an administrative penalty for offences relating to failing to declare that she had moved out of her own property to live with her husband in his.

Overpayments of £564.56 Council Tax Benefit and £1,631.60 Council Tax Support were identified covering the period August 2012 to February 2015.

The overpayments have been returned to the Council Tax account for recovery.

Case 3

A 45 year old man was sentenced to a 12 month community supervision order, to include 130 hours unpaid work after being prosecuted for offences failing to declare that his partner had moved into his household.

This investigation was started by the DWP who invited joint working in order to uncover the full offending. A Housing Benefit of £6,301.15 was identified for the period March 2013 to June 2014 in addition to an overpayment of £4,965.24 Jobseeker's Allowance.

This Housing Benefit overpayment is also being recovered through current entitlement.

Case 4

The investigation into the claim of a 38 year old woman was closed as fraud proven with no effect on the claim.

This case was raised as a result of a referral from HBMS indicating that the customer may have undeclared capital that could affect her entitlement to Housing Benefit.

The customer was interviewed and although it was established that she had failed to declare capital, it was not enough to have made an impact on her claim.