

Fraud Trends 2011 to 30 June 2015

Referrals

Fraud Type	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
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	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	
<u>undeclared capital</u>	11	6	8	2	
Total referrals	227	163	165	146	102

Referral source	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Members of public	54	32	65	64	13
Data matching	114	66	52	47	65
<u>Official source</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>35</u>	24
Total referrals	227	163	165	146	102

*HBMS data matches are a referral source and historically each should be allocated a referral type, hence the source no longer applicable.

The increase in data matching referrals for this ¼ is due to the way in which HBMS matches are now processed as explained at 3.9 of this report. Prior to this, a significant reduction in the number of referrals matches resulting in a fraud referral was 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.

Closure by fraud type	2014/15	2015/16
undeclared income	10	2
working and drawing	29	16
contrived tenancy		
employer fraud		
HBMS Data Match*		
landlord fraud		
living together	5	3
non-commercial tenancy		
non-dependants	2	1
non-residency	1	1
other	1	
property owner		
student award	4	
<u>undeclared capital</u>		1
Total closures	52	24

Closure by referral source	2014/15	2015/16
Members of public	2	
Data matching	34	16
<u>Official source</u>	16	8
Total referrals	52	24

Outcomes Bromsgrove	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Administrative Penalty	7	6	1	1	1
Caution	45	32	21	5	8
Prosecution	3	9	10	10	3
No sanction	Not available	26	17	15	12
Total	Not available	73	49	31	24

Outcomes Redditch	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Administrative Penalty	3	0	2	0	0
Caution	43	47	35	15	5
Prosecution	17	10	17	7	0
No sanction	263	26	173	163	12
Total	326	237	227	185	35