Fraud Trends 2011 to 30 September 2015

Referrals

Referral source	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Members of public	54	32	65	64	26
Data matching	114	66	52	47	126
Official source	59	65	48	35	36
Total referrals	**227**	**163**	**165**	**146**	**188**

The increase in data matching referrals during 2015/16 is due to the way in which HBMS matches are now recorded. All matches are now managed through the fraud management computer system and therefore each is recorded as a referral. This also increases the number of fraud referrals that are recorded as not taken up.

Closure by fraud type	2014/15	2015/16
undeclared income	10	4
working and drawing	29	30
contrived tenancy		
employer fraud		
landlord fraud		
living together	5	4
non-commercial tenancy		
non-dependants	2	6
non-residency	1	4
other	1	
property owner		
student award	4	
undeclared capital		2
Total closures	**52**	**50**

Closure by referral source	2014/15	2015/16
Members of public	2	3
Data matching	34	35
Official source	16	12
Total referrals	**52**	**50**

Outcomes Bromsgrove	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Administrative Penalty	7	6	1	1	2
Caution	45	32	21	5	9
Prosecution	3	9	10	10	3
No sanction	Not available	26	17	15	36
Total	**Not available**	**73**	**49**	**31**	**50**

The increase in the number of cases closed without sanction during 2015/16 is also mainly due to the way in which data matching is now recorded. Although this work has always been carried out within the investigation team, the amount of work involved was not captured.

Outcomes Redditch	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Administrative Penalty	3	0	2	0	1
Caution	43	47	35	15	12
Prosecution	17	10	17	7	3
No sanction	263	26	173	163	103
Total	**326**	**237**	**227**	**185**	**119**