

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY CODE 2014

REPORTING FRAUD

2013/14 FINANCIAL YEAR (TO BE PUBLISHED BY 2.2.15)

Number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers.	0
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.	0 <i>(see Note 1)</i>
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.	0
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.	<i>See Note 2</i>
Total number of fraud cases investigated.	5

Note 1 - Leicestershire County Council does not have dedicated counter fraud staff and / or staff employed specifically to investigate fraud and irregularity. As we are not a benefit authority, our exposure to fraud is relatively low compared with, say, a typical district council or unitary council. Where fraud investigations do occur, these are typically led by managers, where it is appropriate to do so, or, in more complex cases, by internal audit staff.

Note 2 - Leicestershire County Council has not in the past recorded data on the total amount spent by the authority in fraud investigation and prosecution. This is a new requirement under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014. It is our intention to collect this data from the 2014/15 financial year onwards and this will be duly reported in subsequent years.