

Portsmouth City Council Counter Fraud Performance 2019-2020

In accordance with the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, Internal Audit's involvement in counter fraud work is summarised below:

Local Government Transparency Code 2015 Part 2 Requirements - Fraud	1 st April 2019 to 31 st March 2020
Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers have been used	7
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	2
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	1
Total amount of time spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	306 days
Total number of (new) fraud cases investigated	131

*relates to Audit & Counter Fraud staff only (does not include other areas of the Council that may affect reported figures i.e. Blue Badge & Trading Standards).

Although the total number of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud are employed by Portsmouth City Council, investigations and prosecutions of fraud are also carried out for other clients, subject to the appropriate Service-Level agreements being in place.

The figure for total amount of time spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud solely relates to investigations and prosecutions carried out on fraud against Portsmouth City Council. This is also the same for total number of cases investigated and the numbers of occasion's powers to require information have been used