

Council wide fraud and irregularity activity relating to 2017/18 including Internal Audit activity

Question	Stroud District Council Response
Number of occasions they use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers.	2 (1 currently pending/under investigation)
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.	0.45 FTE for ARA/CFU plus SDC staff employed in housing and tenancy services involved in investigations which cannot be quantified.
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.	The Council has access to 1.8 FTE fraud investigators plus qualified staff within the Counter Fraud Unit (CFU), as part of the Internal Audit shared service arrangement.
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.	Approximately £14,069 in staff time from ARA/CFU. Staff costs employed by SDC unknown
Total number of fraud cases investigated by ARA and the CFU.	11

In addition to the above, it is recommended that local authorities should go further than the minimum publication requirements set out above (as detailed for Stroud District Council) in the table below.

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Total number of cases of irregularity investigated.	8
Total number of occasions on which a) fraud and b) irregularity was identified.	(a) 1 (10 ongoing) (b) 2 + 2 referred to DWP.
Total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was detected.	(a) Estimated £12,000 (£7k based on cost of providing temporary accommodation for a year). Excluding ongoing cases where value is currently not known. (b) None
Total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was recovered	(a) Estimated £12,000 (£7k based on cost of providing temporary accommodation for a year) (b) none

Full details about the code and its requirements can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-transparency-code-2015>