

## West Suffolk Council fraud prevention figures for financial year 2025 to 2026

| Financial Year 2025 to 2026                                                                                                                                  | West Suffolk | Comments                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Number of occasions the councils use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) Regulations 2014, or similar powers. | 8            |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Total number (absolute) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.                                                                   | 9            | This is the total number of fraud staff across the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP).                                                                                                  |
| Total number FTE (full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.                                                   | 1.8          | This is the total FTE divided by number of partners (five).                                                                                                                            |
| Total number (absolute) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.                                                                              | 4            | This is the total across Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP).                                                                                                                            |
| Total number (full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.                                                                  | 0.8          | This is the total FTE divided by number of partners (five).                                                                                                                            |
| Total amount spent by the councils on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.                                                                            | £85,489      | Represents prosecution costs and approximate staff costs - the council is part of a local authority revenues and benefits partnership, with five partners during the reporting period. |
| Total number of fraud cases investigated.                                                                                                                    | 20           |                                                                                                                                                                                        |