

Fraud prevention figures for financial year 2023 to 2024

Financial Year 2023 to 2024	West Suffolk	Comments
Number of occasions the councils use powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) Regulations 2014, or similar powers.	5	
Total number (absolute) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud.	8	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.	1.4	This is the total FTE divided by number of partners (five).
Total number (absolute) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.	3	This is the total across Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP).
Total number (full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists.	0.5	This is the total FTE divided by number of partners (five).
Total amount spent by the councils on the investigation and prosecution of fraud.	£61,704	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.	26	