

**National Fraud Initiative 2020/21 Exercise
Progress to 31 January 2022**

Table 1

Matches	Total Received	Total Investigated	Fraud	Error	Financial Outcomes
Housing Benefit	131	119	3	0	£9,486.61
Payroll	89	51	0	0	£0
Housing Tenants	638	59	0	0	£0
Blue Badge	276	276	42	146	£0
Waiting List	1160	203	0	0	£0
Council Tax	881	264	8	0	£11,118.56
Creditors	2672	1969	0	45	£18,023.24
Procurement	70	52	0	0	£0
Total	5917	2993	53	191	£38,628.41

Table 2

Results of Matches to date	
Housing Benefit	A total of 3 Housing Benefit cases were referred to the Department for Work and Pensions for fraud investigation. These are cases where student status appears not to have been declared on the benefit claims. From these matches all three have resulted in overpayments of our benefits: £9,486.61 has been overpaid in Housing Benefit.
Blue Badges	A total of 188 blue badges have been updated on the BB system as a result of the exercise. These are cases where the blue badge recipient has died and the badges are still in circulation. The Cabinet Office recommends a notional savings value of £575 per Badge (total £108,100).
Council Tax	Council Tax Reduction Scheme overpayments have been identified in 8 households, totalling £11,118.56.
Creditors	There were 2 duplicate payments made totalling £18,023.24. Errors in supplier details were identified in 43 cases as a result of data cleansing and updates to supplier records.