

Transparency Data 2024/25

Information required for publication	
Number of occasions used powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar	5
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	5 staff (4.6 full time equivalents)
Total number (absolute and full time equivalent) of professionally accredited counter fraud specialists	5 staff (4.6 full time equivalents)
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	£286,652 expenditure
Total number of fraud cases investigated*	393 New 2024/25 cases and due diligence only, open cases from previous years are not included

Information recommended for publication	
Total number of cases of irregularity investigated*	Not recorded separately
Total number of occasions on which a) fraud and b) irregularity was identified	103
Total monetary value of a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was detected	£2,844,032 – Direct £1,595,386 – Indirect
Total monetary value of the a) the fraud and b) the irregularity that was recovered	To be confirmed

*East Suffolk Council investigates all irregularities with an open mind as to whether the outcome might be fraud, error or other non-compliance. Fraud case numbers reported here cover all confirmed irregularities without distinction between fraud or error.

Where a single case involves different functions (e.g. an attempt to manipulate Council Tax to obtain both a tax benefit and also support a separate grant application), each is considered a separate offence and reported as a separate irregularity.

Figures are provided as at 31 March 2025.