

External Investigation Outcomes

Table 1 – Benefits & Council Tax Reductions / Discounts - Prosecutions completed in the 2nd Quarter 2014/15
 (Amounts of overpayments outstanding as at 23 December 2014)

Prosecutions					
Case ref.	Fraud Type	Fraudulent overpayment £	Period of overpayment or Evasion of liability	Court and sentence	Comment
12096 / 59537	CAP	£4,953.94 (HB/CTB)	24/09/07 – 08/07/12	Medway Magistrates Found guilty of 1 x Medway offence. Sentenced to 6 month conditional discharge. £250 Costs. £20 Victim Surcharge	Medway led investigation and prosecution. No longer resident in the Medway area. Outstanding Housing Benefit overpayment, totalling £2,947.94, being recovered from DWP benefits.
12512 / 1014059	CAP	£37,635.71 (HB/CTB) £14,271.20 (IS)	03/10/05 – 28/04/13 23/04/05 – 15/11/12	Maidstone Crown Court Found guilty of: 3 x Medway offences 3 x DWP offences Sentenced to 2 year prison sentence, suspended for 2 years plus an electronic tag. No costs awarded.	Department for Work and Pensions led prosecution, prosecuted by Crown Prosecution Service. The Housing Benefit overpayment is currently being recovered from on-going Medway Benefit at the rate of £18.25pw. £31,101.82 remains outstanding.

12695 / 1058014	LT	£21,920.66 (HB/CTB) £9,614.21 (I/S)	21/09/09 – 31/03/13 17/09/09 – 26/06/12	Maidstone Crown Court Found guilty of: - 2 x Medway offences 1 x DWP offence Sentenced to 1 year Community Order with supervision. 100 hours unpaid work. Attend a “women’s activity group”.	Department for Work and Pensions led prosecution, prosecuted by Crown Prosecution Service. On 27/08/14 Medway attempted to make an attachment to DWP benefits to recover the Housing Benefit debt. The request was declined due to other deductions in place. It recently became known that the claimant had returned to live with a family member in the Medway area. Recovery action will therefore be pursued at the new address. £12,265.34 remains outstanding.
12941 / 1062102	LT	£4,602.34 (HB/CTB) £2,200.37 (I/S)	25/07/11 – 02/03/12 22/06/11 – 23/11/12	Medway Magistrates Found guilty of: - 1 x Medway offence 2 x DWP offences	Department for Work and Pensions led prosecution, prosecuted by Crown Prosecution Service. The Housing Benefit overpayment was being recovered from on-going Medway Benefit at the rate of £18.25pw. However the claim recently ended after claimant commenced full-time employment. £3,988.44 remains outstanding. An invoice for this amount was issued on 18 November. This did not provoke a response, so the debt will now be recovered by means of a Direct Earnings Attachment.
13335 / 89214	ND	£11,565.96 (HB/CTB)	30/03/09 – 10/11/13	Medway Magistrates Found guilty of: - 6 x Medway offences	Medway led investigation and prosecution. The Housing Benefit overpayment is currently being repaid at the rate of £25.00pw. £4,803.63 remains outstanding.
13344 / 1031793	CofC	£6,055.57 (HB/CTB/CTR)	21/02/11 – 10/11/13	Medway Magistrates	Medway led investigation and prosecution.

				Found guilty of: - 5 x Medway offences	The Housing Benefit overpayment is currently being repaid at the rate of £120pcm. £3,920.33 remains outstanding.
13416 / 47450	CofC	£4,905.77 (HB/CTB/CTR)	11/05/09 – 31/03/14	Medway Magistrates Found guilty of: - 5 x Medway offences	Medway led investigation and prosecution. The Housing Benefit overpayment is currently being recovered at the rate of £100pcm. £3,300 remains outstanding.
Totals (£)		£91,639.95 HB/CTB/CTR £26,085.78 (DWP)			

Table 2 – Benefits & Council Tax Reductions / Discounts – Cautions issued in the 2nd Quarter 2014/15
(Amounts of overpayments outstanding as at 23 December 2014)

Cautions					
Case ref.	Fraud Type	Fraudulent overpayment £	Period of overpayment or Evasion of liability	Date Caution accepted	Comment
13859 / 1049319	FR - Household	£143.65 (HB)	16/09/13 – 20/05/14	19/08/14	Total overpayment of £143.65 will be recovered from on-going benefit at the rate of £18.25pw once current overpayment recovery is complete (there is currently £240.54 outstanding in respect of another overpayment).
Total		£143.65 (HB)			

Table 3 – Benefits & Council Tax Reductions / Discounts – Administrative Penalties issued in the 2nd Quarter 2014/15

Administrative Penalties					
Case ref.	Fraud Type	Fraudulent overpayment £	Period of overpayment or Evasion of liability	Date Administrative Penalty issued	Comment
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 4 – Non Benefit – Cautions issued in the 2nd Quarter 2014/15

Cautions					
Case ref.	Fraud Type	Value of fraud £	Period of fraud / evasion of liability	Date Caution accepted	Comment
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 5 – Benefits, Council Tax Reduction and Single Person Discount overpayments identified and recorded by the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team during the 2nd Quarter 2014/15 – With comparison to the same quarter in previous financial years.

Types of overpayment	2nd Qtr 2012/13 £	2nd Qtr 2013/14 £	2nd Qtr 2014/15 £
Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit / Council Tax Reduction (HB/CTB/CTRS)	134,192.67	147,755.11	235,544.55
Single Person Discount (SPD)			2,195.39
Discretionary Housing Benefit (DHP)			850.00
DWP benefits	54,726.10	108,518.79	225,936.01
Other (e.g. Tax Credits)			
Totals	188,918.77	256,273.90	464,525.95

Key: -

Clmt Claimant

LT Living together as husband & wife

WC Working & claiming

CAP Failure to declare capital

ND Non Dependent

CofC Failure to report a change in circumstances

Inc Failure to declare income

QB9 Employer prosecuted for failing to supply information requested under Social Security Legislation.

FR False representation

SPD Single Person discount

HB Housing Benefit

CTB Council Tax Benefit

CTR Council Tax Reduction

Note re costs – Medway no longer receives details of Costs awarded where Crown Prosecution Service undertake proceedings on behalf of DWP / Medway Council.