



Working together

From the 1 July 2015 investigations of Housing Benefit Fraud will become the responsibility of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

In preparation of that change, from the 1st June 2015, any new referrals should be reported directly to the DWP in one of the following ways.



By telephone:

Contact the **National Benefit Fraud Hotline** on **0800 854 440**. Your call is free and confidential you do not have to give your name or address. Lines are open Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm.

If you have speech or hearing problems you can use a text phone service on **0800 328 0512**



Online at: www.gov.uk/report-benefit-fraud



Email: investigations@staffordbc.gov.uk or investigations@cannockchasedc.gov.uk



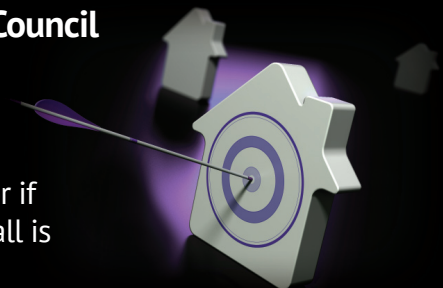
By Post:

NBFH, PO Box 224, Preston PR1 1GP

However there are other types of fraud that will continue to be investigated by the Local Authority.

If you want to report someone you suspect of claiming Local Council Tax Reduction fraudulently or believe someone is committing tenancy fraud then you can report this to the local authority.

Call the **Fraud Hotline**, 24 hour answering machine on **01785 619447** or if you would like to speak to someone directly call **01785 619443**, your call is confidential and you do not have to give your name or address.



To find out more about Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Reduction call or visit our website

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