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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-032896-18  
Counter fraud capability**

Thank you for your request for information relating to counter fraud capability. I can now let you have the following information in response to the questions you raised.

1. **Does the Council have a Counter Fraud Team or persons in the Council responsible for investigating public sector fraud cases?** Yes – A trained Counter Fraud Officer within the Internal Audit Team.
2. **If so, how many fraud investigators do you have?** One trained Counter Fraud Officer
3. **If not, are you part of a shared counter fraud service with another council or other organisation? Please detail who.** No
4. **Did the Council's benefits/counter fraud team transfer to SFIS when SFIS was established?** No
5. **Has the Council increased/decreased the number of fraud investigation officers within the last 24 months? If so, by how many?** Increased by one officer
6. **How many fraud referrals or reports of fraud did the council receive in financial year 2017/18?** 151 (source – Annual Fraud Report)
7. **Please supply a notional value for fraud successfully stopped and/or prosecuted in 2017/18?** £227,924 (source Annual Fraud Report)
8. **Do you record fraud statistics? If so, are they published? Where? Online?** Annual Fraud Report and Transparency Code Information reported to the Governance & Ethics Committee
9. **How do you record and manage your fraud cases? Spreadsheet or software package?** Spreadsheet
10. **Do you use a fraud case management system? If so, which one?** No
11. **How many referrals/cases did you receive from the NFI (National Fraud Initiative) in 2017/18? How many led to a successful prosecution/outcome?** 16,746 matches and 4 successful outcomes

**12. Do you use reports from NAFN? If so, how much did you spend on these in 2017/18? Yes - £0.00**

**13. Do you use credit bureau reports/data/services? If so, how much did you spend on these in 2017/18? No**

**14. Do you have plans to increase your counter fraud capability/budget in 2018/19? No**

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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