

**FOI: 5690765Housing fraud prosecution**

1. How many cases were investigated for possible housing tenancy fraud excluding cases of potential sub-letting since the fraud act 2006 was introduced by this council?
2. How many of these cases were subsequently progressed further to prosecution proceedings under section 3 of the fraud act 2006 by this council?
3. How many cases under section 3 of the fraud act 2006 were successfully prosecuted by this council, and how many cases failed?

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Tower Hamlets Council.

We can only provide data from 2011, as we do not have information prior to this. LBTH Tenancy Fraud Team will be in a better position to respond.

I have detailed below the information that is held.

2011 - 12: there were 15 properties recovered, however we cannot determine how many were tenancy fraud or sublet etc, as we do not have this information.

2012 - 13: there were 14 tenancy fraud related recovered properties excluding subletting, 6 of these were recovered via courts.

2013 - 14: there were 20 tenancy fraud related recovered properties excluding subletting, 1 was recovered via courts.

2014 - 15: there were 7 tenancy fraud related recovered properties excluding subletting, none recovered via courts.

2015 - 16: there were 16 tenancy fraud related recovered properties excluding subletting, 2 was recovered via courts.

2016 - 17: there are so far 5 tenancy fraud related recovered properties excluding subletting, none recovered via courts.

All those recovered without court involvement means that peaceful possession was obtained due to evidence presented to residents.

THH does not record the number of pending investigations, we only record successful recoveries. LBTH Tenancy Fraud Team records all cases and should have further details. Furthermore, once properties are recovered THH does not pursue further prosecution; LBTH Tenancy Fraud Team would pursue this route where possible.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Complaints and Information  
Town Hall  
Mulberry Place  
5 Clove Crescent  
E14 2BG  
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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 01625 545 700  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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