

# Fraud Awareness

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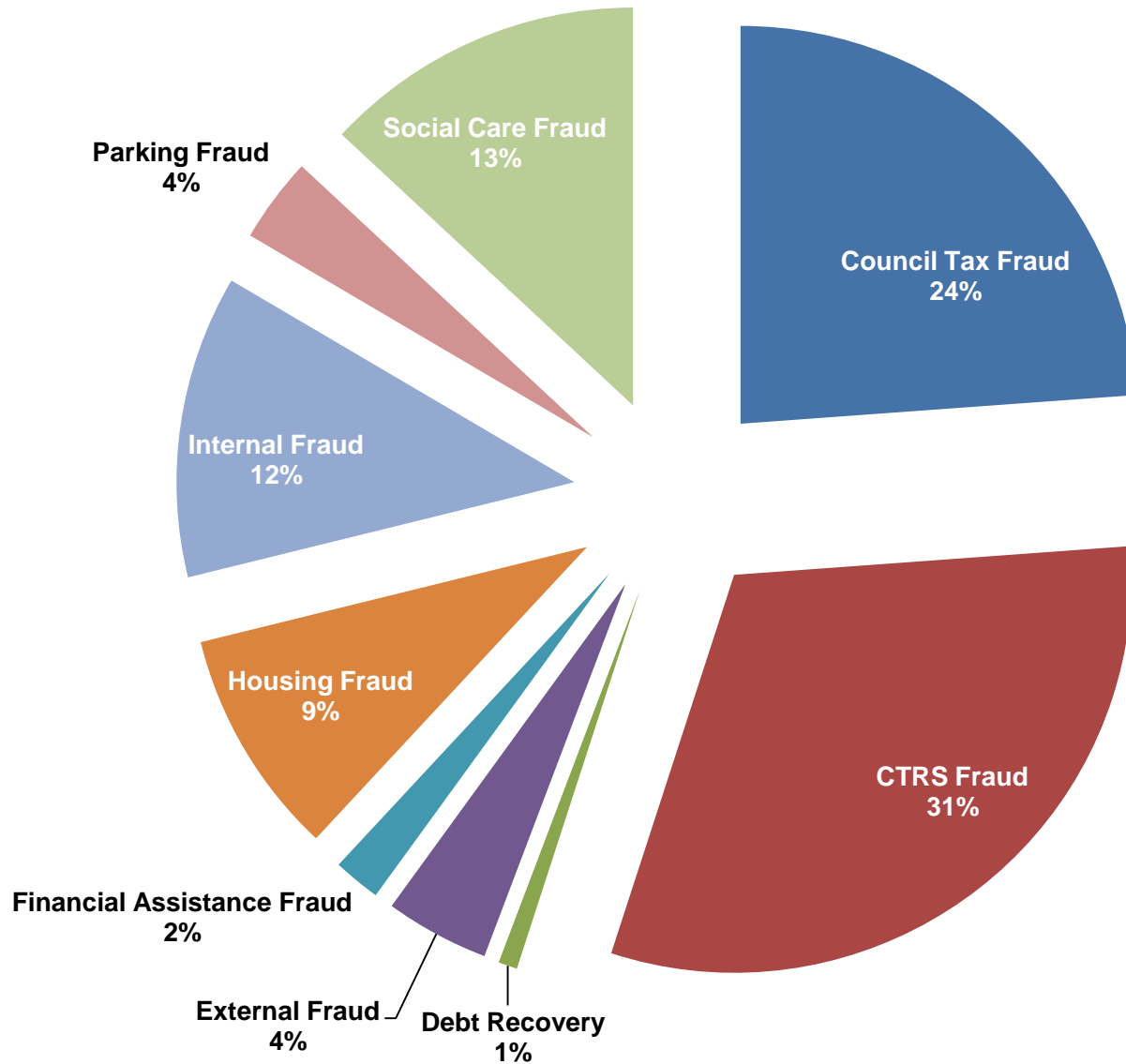
# Clients



# Aims and Objectives

- What is fraud
- What legislation we use
- How can we minimise fraud
- What are the tell tale signs
- How to report fraud
- How we investigate
- What can be done about those who abuse the system?

# Active Caseload



# 2017/18 Performance

- 1150 reports of fraud
- 400 investigations completed
- Detected £570k of fraud
- Produced £615k in actual savings

# 2017/18 Performance

- 1 Application blocked
- 3 Warnings
- 2 Cautions
- 2 Prosecutions

# What is Fraud?

- A wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in a financial or personal gain

# Relevant Legislation

- Fraud Act 2006
- Forgery and Counterfeiting Act



# Points to Prove

- Makes a false representation
- It is false
- He knew it was false
- He made it dishonestly
- Intended to make a gain for himself or another
- Or to cause a loss to another or expose another to a risk of loss

# National and Regional Trends

- Effect of Austerity
- Rise of Cybercrime
- Lone Bandits
- Middle class fraud

# How to detect fraud

- Attention to detail
- Ensuring proper controls / checks and balances are in place.
- Cross department cooperation
- Gut instinct

# The Declaration

- It is legally binding
- The information given is true and correct
- Knowingly giving false information may lead to prosecution
- They know they must notify any changes that may affect entitlement
- They must notify if they no longer require the goods
- They must provide receipts if asked to do so

# What We Need

- Documentation
- Evidence
- Details/description of the items
- Details of others who might be involved
- Repeat applicant?

# What happens when you send us a referral?

- Email received into [counter.fraud@veritau.co.uk](mailto:counter.fraud@veritau.co.uk)
- Information reviewed
- Evidence checked
- Case set up
- Assigned to investigator

# How We Investigate

- What is our role?
- Examination of Application
- Examination of Evidence supplied
- Open source checks
- Witness statements
- Visit to the applicant's address
- Interview Under Caution

# Sanctions

- No further action
- Warning letter
- Invoice the value of the goods
- Caution
- Prosecution

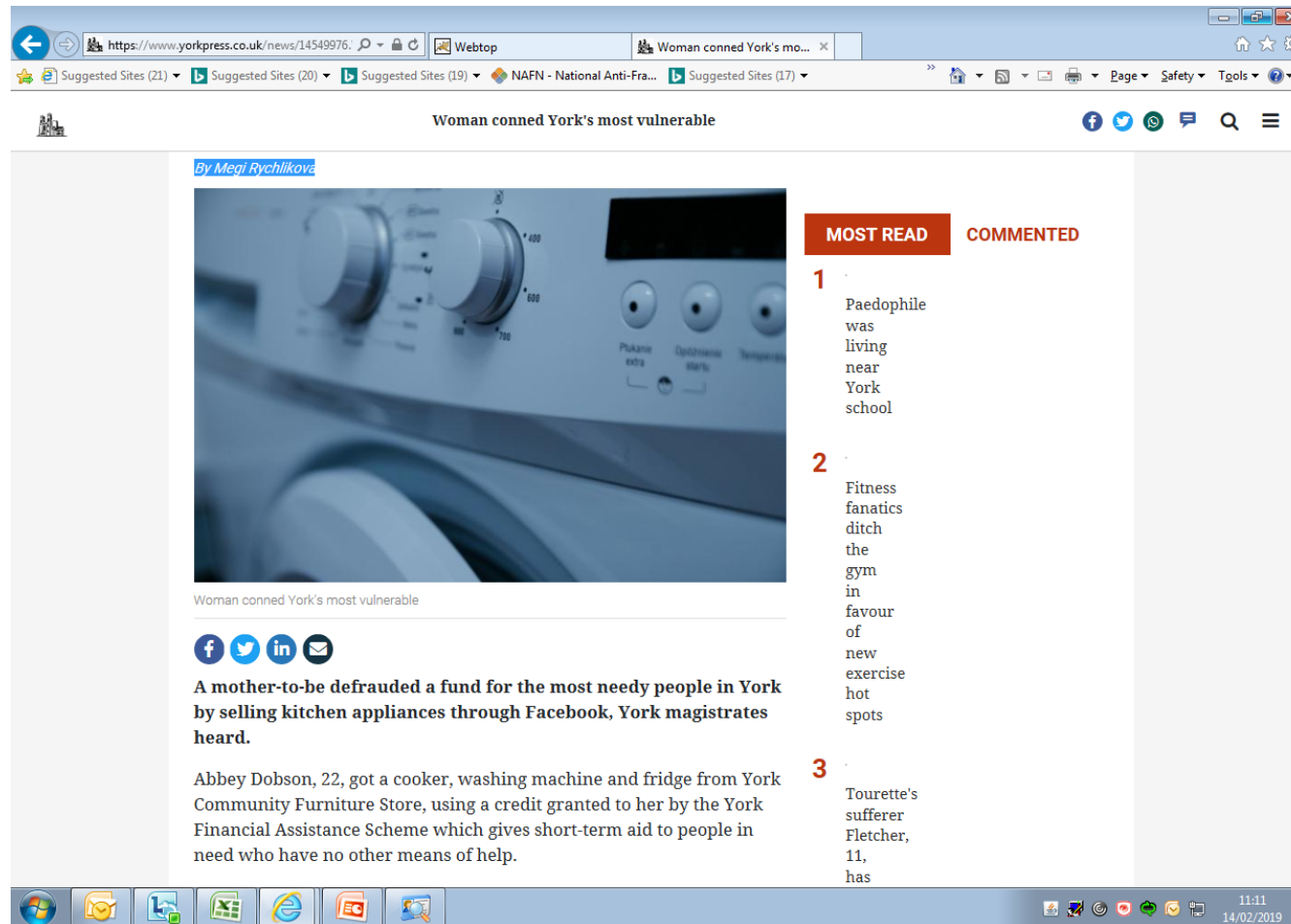


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**A mother-to-be defrauded a fund for the most needy people in York by selling kitchen appliances through Facebook, York magistrates heard.**

Abbey Dobson, 22, got a cooker, washing machine and fridge from York Community Furniture Store, using a credit granted to her by the York Financial Assistance Scheme which gives short-term aid to people in need who have no other means of help.

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York Magistrates Court.

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**A MAN who defrauded a scheme for the most needy has been given a community punishment.**

Paul Garratt, 49, cheated his way to a cooker and fridge freezer he didn't need from the York financial Assistance Scheme and then disposed of them, York magistrates heard.

His solicitor Steve Munro said he had been desperate because his benefits had been stopped for seven weeks.

He has had four operations on his ankle since breaking it in 2016 and is expecting to have an ankle brace fitted to it later this year.

Garratt, of Jackson Street, York, pleaded guilty to fraud and was given

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June 2018

William Allan pleaded guilty to all charges

Fined £80.00

Ordered to pay £200 in prosecution costs and  
£200 in compensation

# When and how to report fraud

- Fraud Hotline – 0800 9179 247
- Email – [counter.fraud@veritau.co.uk](mailto:counter.fraud@veritau.co.uk)

# Fraud Alerts

- Monthly bulletin for clients
- Email: [alerts@veritau.co.uk](mailto:alerts@veritau.co.uk)

# Questions?

