



Lincolnshire is cracking down on fraud

A new fraud-fighting force has been formed in Lincolnshire to crack down on fraud.

The Lincolnshire Counter Fraud Partnership is made up of teams from the county council and all seven district councils. It aims to minimise fraud and protect taxpayer's money by using advanced data matching, cross referencing techniques and investigation.

Lucy Pledge, Audit & Risk Manager, is very clear. "If you commit fraud against a council in Lincolnshire, there really is no place to hide. We want to send a strong message that if you try to cheat the system, we will be using all the resources at our disposal to protect the public purse."

Despite efforts to reduce it, nationally fraud costs local government an estimated £2bn every year. Fraud against local authorities includes false claims for housing, council tax discounts and Blue Badges, plus dishonest use of grant and contract awards.

If you suspect fraud against a Lincolnshire council, please report it now to the confidential hotline on 0800 0853716 or email whistleblowing@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

For more information, visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fraud.

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