

Suspected Fraud Case Closure Report



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Scheme	NDRHI (Northern I
Date Case Opened	16 May 2016
NIM	E4
Source of Allegation	External – Non-whistleblower
Date Report Generated	08 November 2016
Description of Issue	<p>From our initial assessment of the available information, it appears that the party in question might have dishonestly made a false representation and through this act intends to make a gain for themselves or another.</p> <p>We received an anonymous external allegation in the form of a letter with no contact details. The notifier claims that the party in question has a wood pellet boiler registered for NDRHI which is installed in his shed at the rear of his house. The notifier claims that the reason the party in question is able to claim NDRHI is that they're falsely claiming that the installation is heating an agricultural shed and that they should be claiming DRHI instead.</p> <p>The notifier claims that the shed is not agricultural and that he is using the pellet boiler to heat his 'mansion home at taxpayers' expense'. The notifier also stated that the party in question has a flock number but has no sheep which correspond to that flock number. He also claims that the party in question has no land to farm.</p>
Original Action Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree next steps and coordinate NDRHI/Counter Fraud activities - 16 May 2016 2. Await audit results. 3. Determine whether matter should be referred to Action Fraud.
Conclusion/Evaluation	<p>Concerns were raised that 1 installation in question was being falsely claimed under NDRHI instead of DRHI. An audit was requested for the site in question and payments were put on hold temporarily. While the audit reported that there was no evidence of the premises being non-domestic, the participant provided further photographic evidence to support the non-domestic eligibility. It has since been determined that this site meets eligibility criteria and ongoing obligations so no further action is required.</p>
Status	Recommended for Closure
Prevented Fraud	£0.00
Detected Fraud	£0.00
Prevented (other)	£0.00
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Recommendation Accepted/Rejected and Date	Closure recommendation approved by Karen Boyle on 08 November 2016