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Hi Lucy
This is our current draft case closure report – to note this is still in draft so externally, “investigation is ongoing” but this represents our current proposed approach.
Edmund

From: Samantha Turnbull
Sent: 12 December 2016 10:51
To: Teri Clifton; Edmund Ward
Cc: Counter Fraud; James Robinson; Michael Knight; Charles Hargreaves; Karen Boyle
Subject: Case Closure Report [REDACTED] [OFFICIAL Internal Only]

Hello all,

Thank you for your time this morning. As promised please see attached an updated suspected fraud case closure report. This is still in draft form, as it will need to be re-agreed by Karen (on her return tomorrow) and then by Teri.

Teri/ Edmund, if you are able to share with DfE that would be great. Please let me know if you need any further info or documentation.

Thanks, Sam

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Suspected Fraud Case Closure Report



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ID	[REDACTED]
Scheme	NDRHI (Northern I
Date Case Opened	16 May 2016
NIM	E4
Source of Allegation	External – Non-whistleblower
Date Report Generated	12 December 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 the installation in question was being falsely claimed under NDRHI but that it is a domestic property. An audit was requested for the site in question and payments were put on hold temporarily. The audit was conducted in July 2016 and 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 obligation. We are conducting ongoing monitoring of periodic data submissions, in order to ensure that these are in line with the expected heat use. We will also conduct a further site audit in spring 2017.</p> <p>We subsequently received another email on 10 October 2016 from the office of a Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly which had an anonymous external informant letter (similar to the original one) attached. In addition, we received an enquiry from the police on 14 October 2016, as they had also received a letter from an anonymous external informant (again similar to the original one) in relation to this application. Further advice was sought from the legal team and the application was shared with the police. The police concluded that "there isn't any cause for concern in relation to this application".</p>
Status	Recommended for Closure
Prevented Fraud	£0.00
Detected Fraud	£0.00

Prevented (other)	£0.00
Detected (other)	£0.00
Recommendation Accepted/Rejected and Date	Closure recommendation approved by Karen Boyle on 08 November 2016 9/12/2016- additional detail has been added to the closure report so further sign-off from Karen is required.