

# Benefit Fraud

**No ifs no buts, benefit fraud hurts**



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**Don't let it be you!**

Report your change in circumstances.

We are committed to protecting public funds by the prevention, detection and deterrence of benefit fraud.

- Last year over £3 billion was claimed and spent by benefit thieves.
- That's money that could have been spent on more local services including nurses, doctors, teachers, road improvements and more!
- **Last year we prosecuted 11 local people for benefit fraud and issued 35 sanctions in the form of administrative penalties and formal cautions.**

**DON'T LET IT BE YOU:REPORT YOUR CHANGE ON CIRCUMSTANCES IMMEDIATELY YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE!**

Please see linked pages to report your change in circumstances on the change in circumstances leaflet.

If you suspect fraud, call the 24 hour hotline on 0500 658 008 or between 8.45am to 5.00pm 01902 696620 or 01902 696619 or email at [benefits@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@sstaffs.gov.uk) or complete the online referrall form

To find out more about our approach to benefit fraud look at our linked web pages.

**All information is treated in the strictest confidence.**