

Protecting the Public Purse Fraud Briefing 2014

Mid Devon District Council



Purpose of Fraud Briefing



Provide an information source to support councillors in considering their council's fraud detection activities



Extend an opportunity for councillors to consider fraud detection performance, compared to similar local authorities



Give focus to discussing local and national fraud risks, reflect on local priorities and the proportionate responses needed



Be a catalyst for reviewing the council's current strategy, resources and capability for tackling fraud

Understanding the bar charts

Outcomes for the first measure for your council are highlighted in yellow in the bar charts. The results of your comparator authorities are shown in the green bars.



Outcomes for the second measure for your council are highlighted as a green symbols above each bar. The results of your comparator authorities are shown in the white triangles.



A '*' symbol has been used on the horizontal axis to indicate your council.

All data are drawn from council submissions on the Audit Commission's annual fraud and corruption survey for the financial year 2013/14.

In some cases, council report they have detected fraud and do not report the number of cases and/or the value. For the purposes of this fraud briefing these 'Not Recorded' records are shown as Nil.

Comparator group

Babergh
Derbyshire Dales
East Cambridgeshire
East Devon
Exeter
Forest of Dean
Hambleton
Malvern Hills
Mendip
Mid Devon
Mid Suffolk
North Devon
North Dorset
Ryedale
South Hams
South Norfolk
Stroud
Teignbridge
Tewkesbury
Torrige
West Devon

Interpreting fraud detection results



Contextual and comparative information needed to interpret results



Detected fraud is indicative, not definitive, of counter fraud performance (*Prevention and deterrence should not be overlooked*)



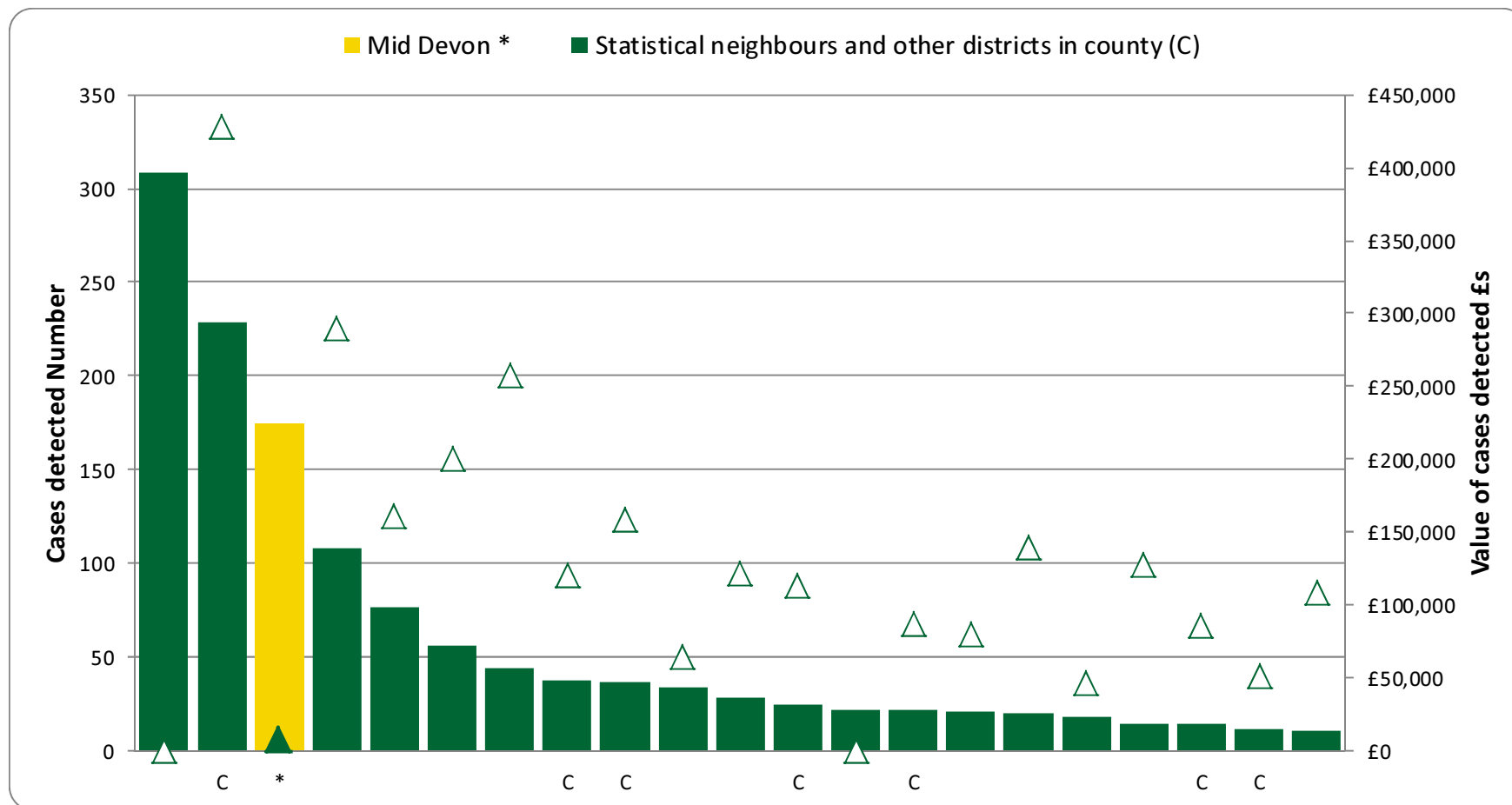
No fraud detected does not mean no fraud committed (*Fraud will always be attempted and even with the best prevention measures some will succeed*)



Councils who look for fraud, and look in the right way, will find fraud (*There is no such thing as a small fraud, just a fraud that has been detected early*)

Total detected cases and value 2013/14 (Excludes Housing tenancy fraud)

Mid Devon



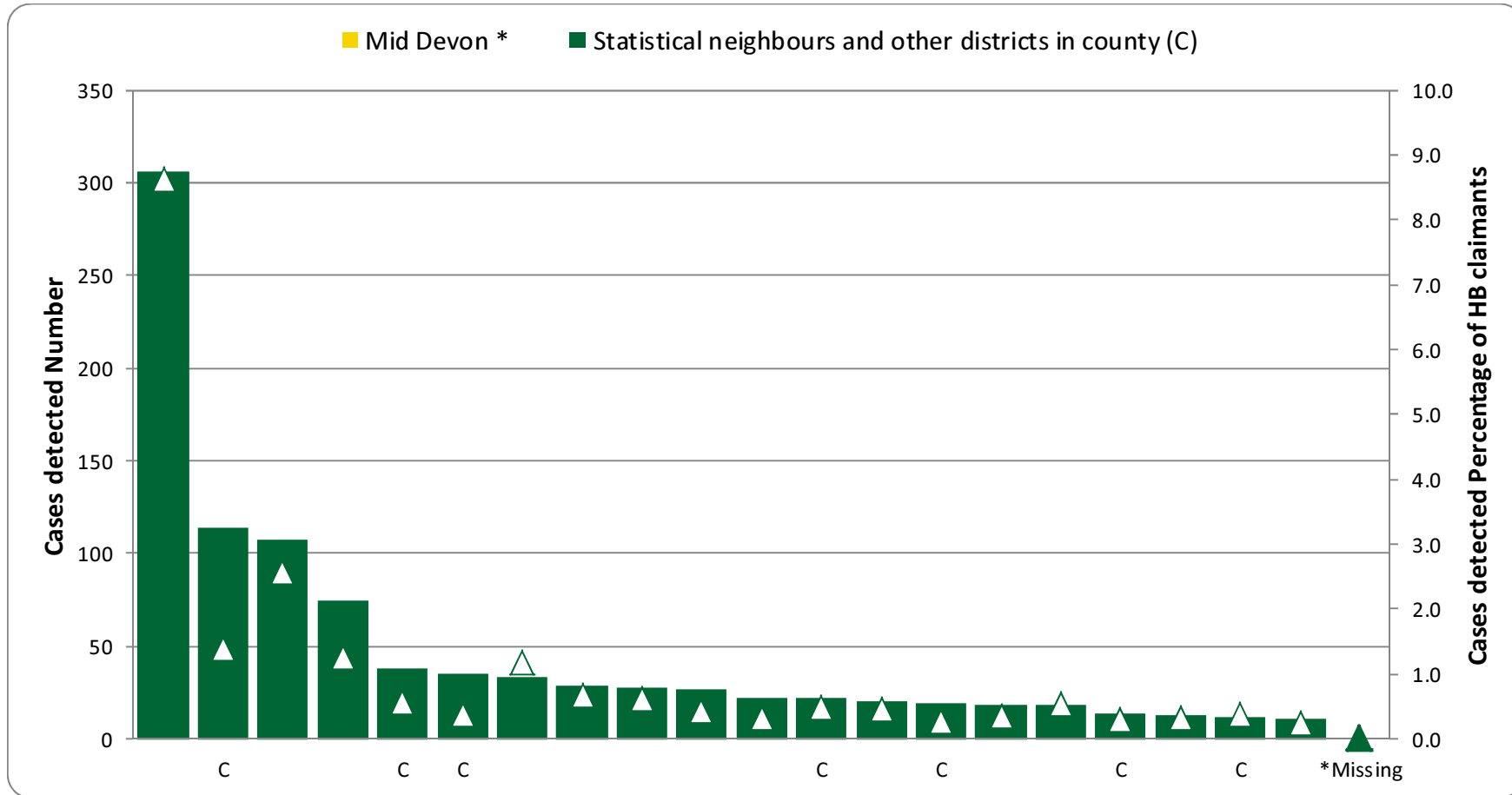
Mid Devon detected 175 cases #. The value of detected fraud was £7,000 #.
Average for statistical neighbours and county: 57 cases, valued at £132,253



Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) 2013/14

Total detected cases, and as a proportion of housing benefit caseload

Mid Devon



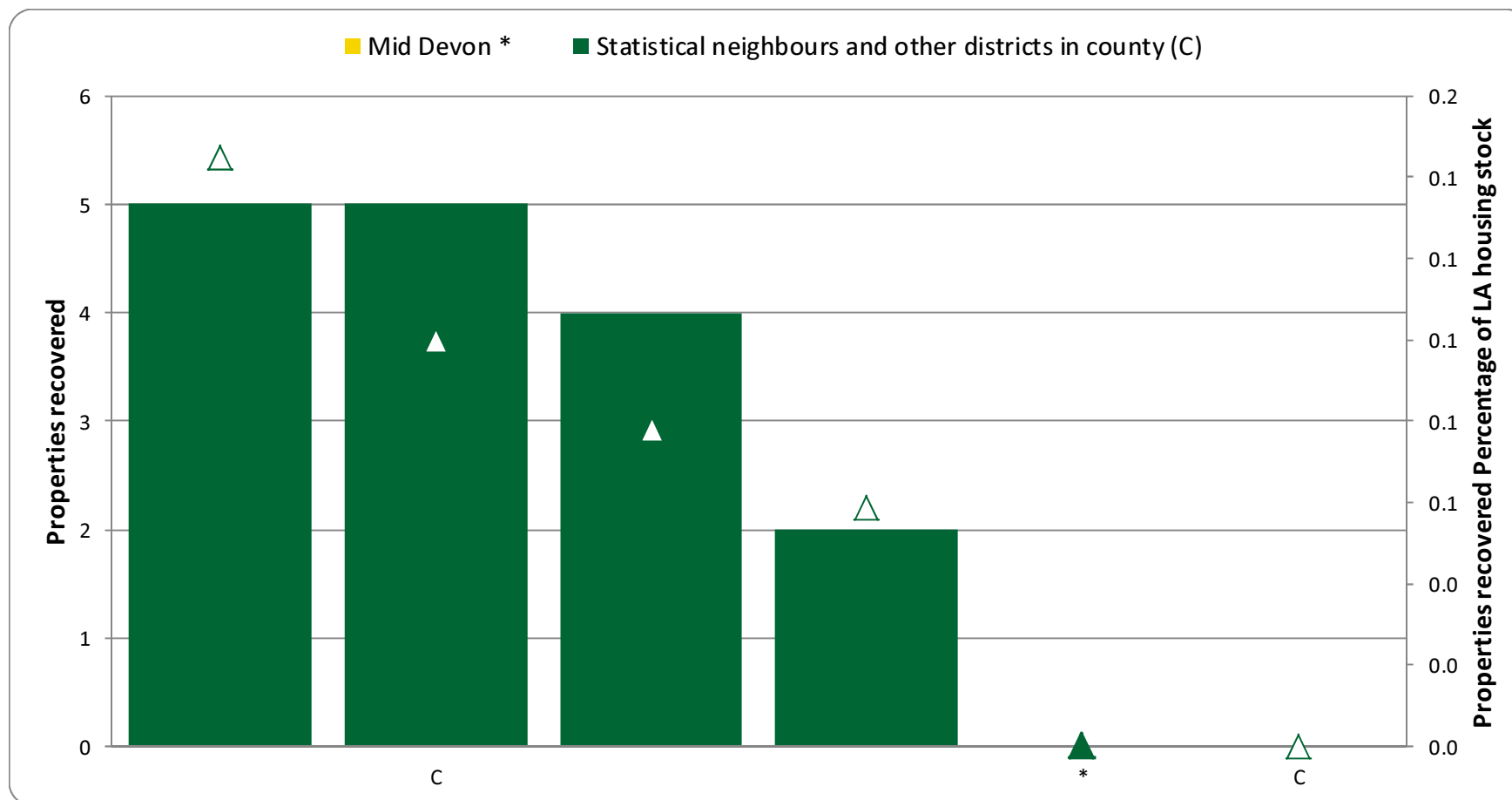
Mid Devon detected this type of fraud and did not report the number of cases.
 Average for statistical neighbours and county: 48 cases, valued at £131,996



Social Housing fraud (only councils with housing stock) 2013/14

Total properties recovered, and as a proportion of housing stock

Mid Devon

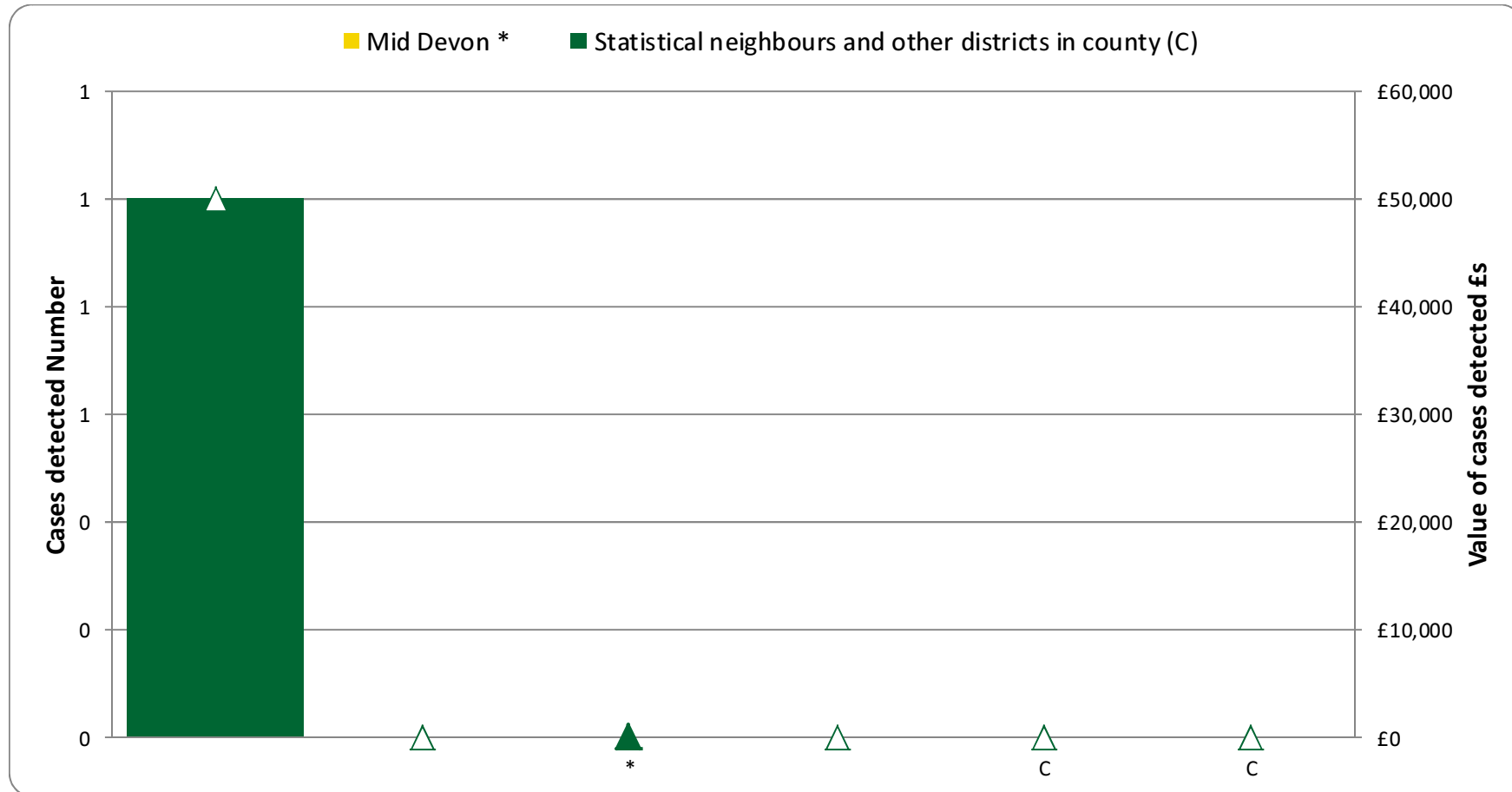


Mid Devon did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
 Average for statistical neighbours and county with housing stock: 3 cases

Right to buy fraud (only councils with housing stock) 2013/14

Right to buy cases and value

Mid Devon



Mid Devon did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.

Average for statistical neighbours and county with housing stock: 0.2 cases



Other frauds 2013/14

Mid Devon

Procurement: Mid Devon did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
Total for statistical neighbours and county: 0 cases

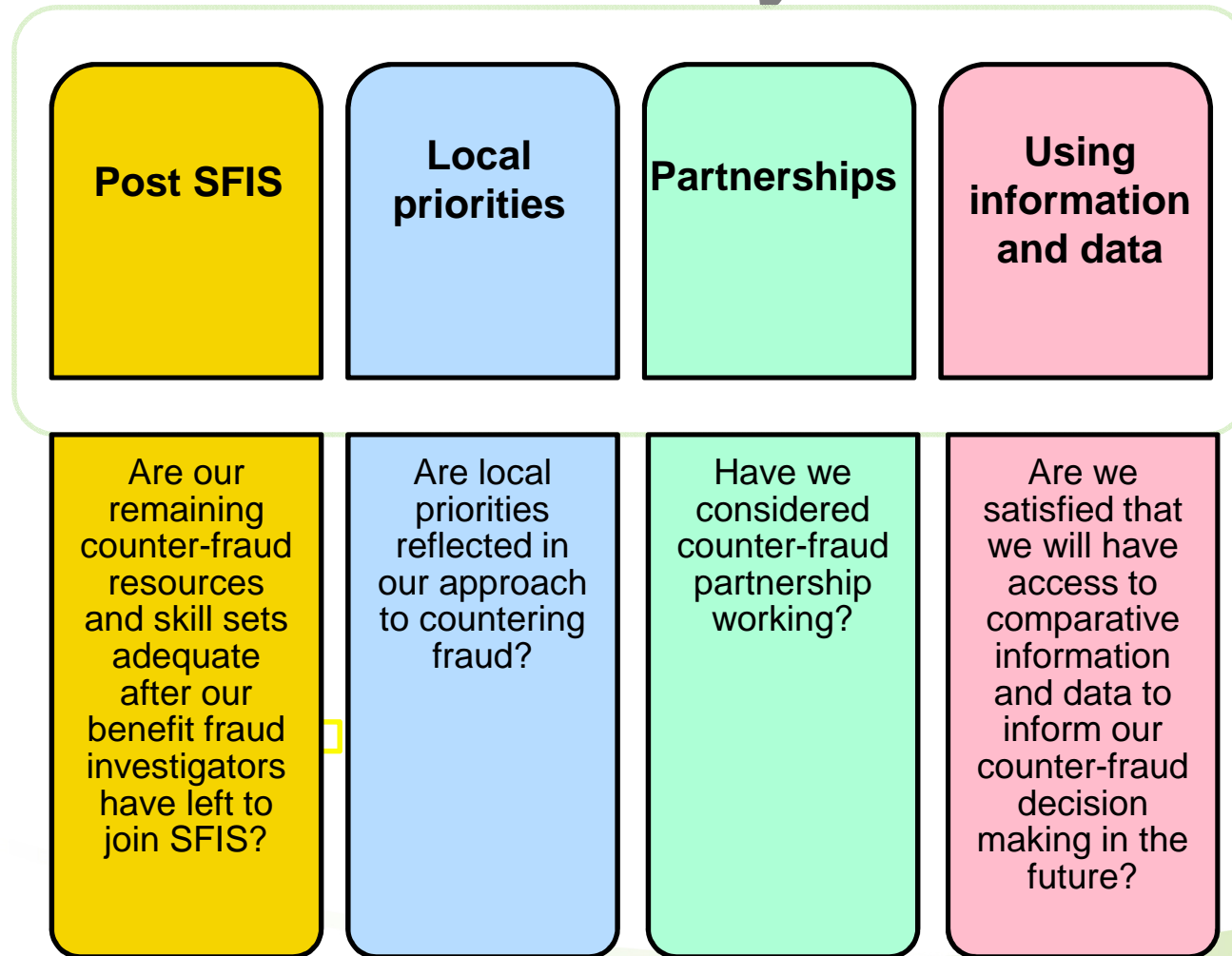
Insurance: Mid Devon did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
Total for statistical neighbours and county: 0 cases

Economic and third sector: Mid Devon did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
Total for statistical neighbours and county: 0 cases

Internal: Mid Devon detected 1 case of this type of fraud. The value of detected fraud was £3,866.
Total for statistical neighbours and county: 11 cases, valued at £4,050

*Correctly recording fraud levels is a central element in assessing fraud risk.
It is best practice to record the financial value of each detected case*

Questions elected members and decision makers may wish to ask



Any questions?

