### **Tenancy Fraud**

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"Why are you looking at tackling tenancy fraud, when tenants are paying their rent and there are no void costs?"

### Would you ignore?









# "Tenancy Fraud isn't a problem outside of London."

#### Fraud outside of London

228 Properties recovered 2009/10

1,375 in 2014/15

503 % Increase

### **Cost of Tenancy Fraud**







### What is Tenancy Fraud?

- Subletting
- Not using the property as the principle home
- Right To Buy
- Key Selling
- Providing false information to obtain a property

#### What can we do?

Raise Awareness

**Training** 

Specialists

Media

**Audits** 

Hotline

Prevention

**Partnerships** 

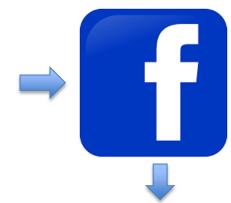
**Incentives** 

### How to tackle a case of fraud?



























### **Case Study**



## Area's of Risk Right To Buy

### **Opportunities for LA's**

- Partnerships
- Reduction in temporary accommodation

Council Tax Discount/Housing Benefit

Increased revenue

### Shall we still ignore tenancy fraud?













### **Any Questions**

