



# Leicestershire Partnership Revenues & Benefits

## FERIS ACTIVITY

## 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise the Management Board of the planned FERIS activity during 2017/2018.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That Management Board note the reduction in Housing Benefit spend achieved by the FERIS team to date and the priority activities.

## 3. REDUCTION IN HB SPEND AS A DIRECT RESULT OF INTERVENTIONS

(Source: Single Housing Benefit Extract)

	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	Total to date
HBBC	£10,882	£61,722	£11,865	£84,469
NWLDC	£36,697	£122,984	£0	£159,681
HDC	£0	£54,050	£0	£54,051

## 4. PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

A high level snapshot of a sample of cases reviewed has been taken in order to target our resources on those claims that contain a specific attribute and result in a reduction of housing benefit/LCTS spend.

Claim containing:	Cases sampled	Number adjusted	Weekly HB Red'n	Success rate
Childcare	55	33	£1,407.00	60%
Capital	120	17	£113.00	14%
New claims (RBV review) *	40	10	£300.00	25%
Occupational Pension	136	60	£196.75	44%
Earnings	174	74	£2,336.82	25%

(\*As part of the RBV process all new high risk claims are reviewed by the FERIS team within six months of the assessment)

It is clear from the above that those claims with childcare costs or have entitlement to occupational pension included within them are most worthy of review and these will be prioritized over the coming months.

Over and above that we will be looking at claim types containing the following:

1. Capital over £14k
2. Large tax credit changes
3. Childcare costs due to increase in free hours
4. Self Employed income.
5. Earnings unchanged since august 2016
6. Contribution Based JSA more than 3 months