Protecting the Public Purse
Fraud Briefing 2014
Derby City Council

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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

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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.

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)
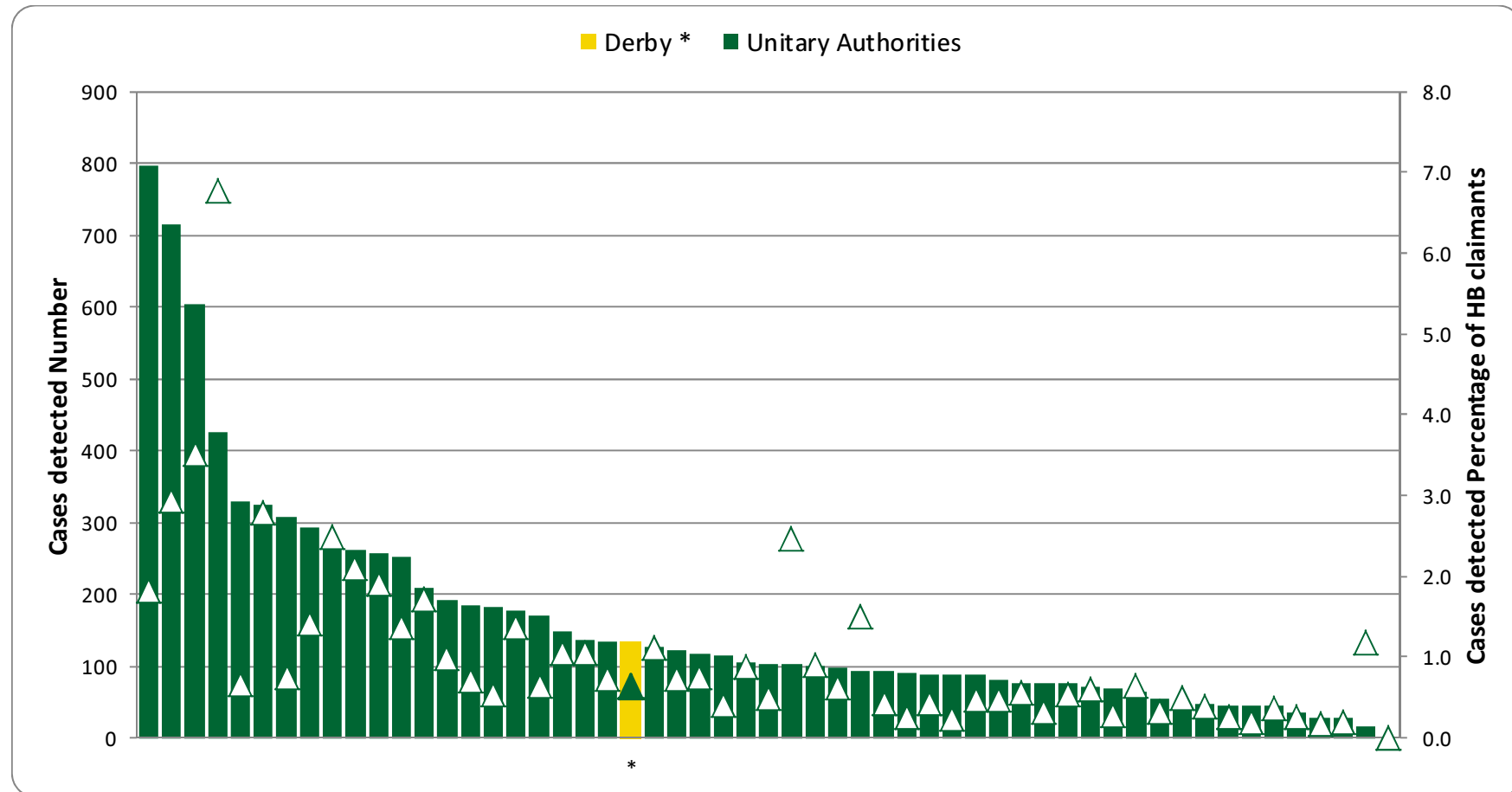
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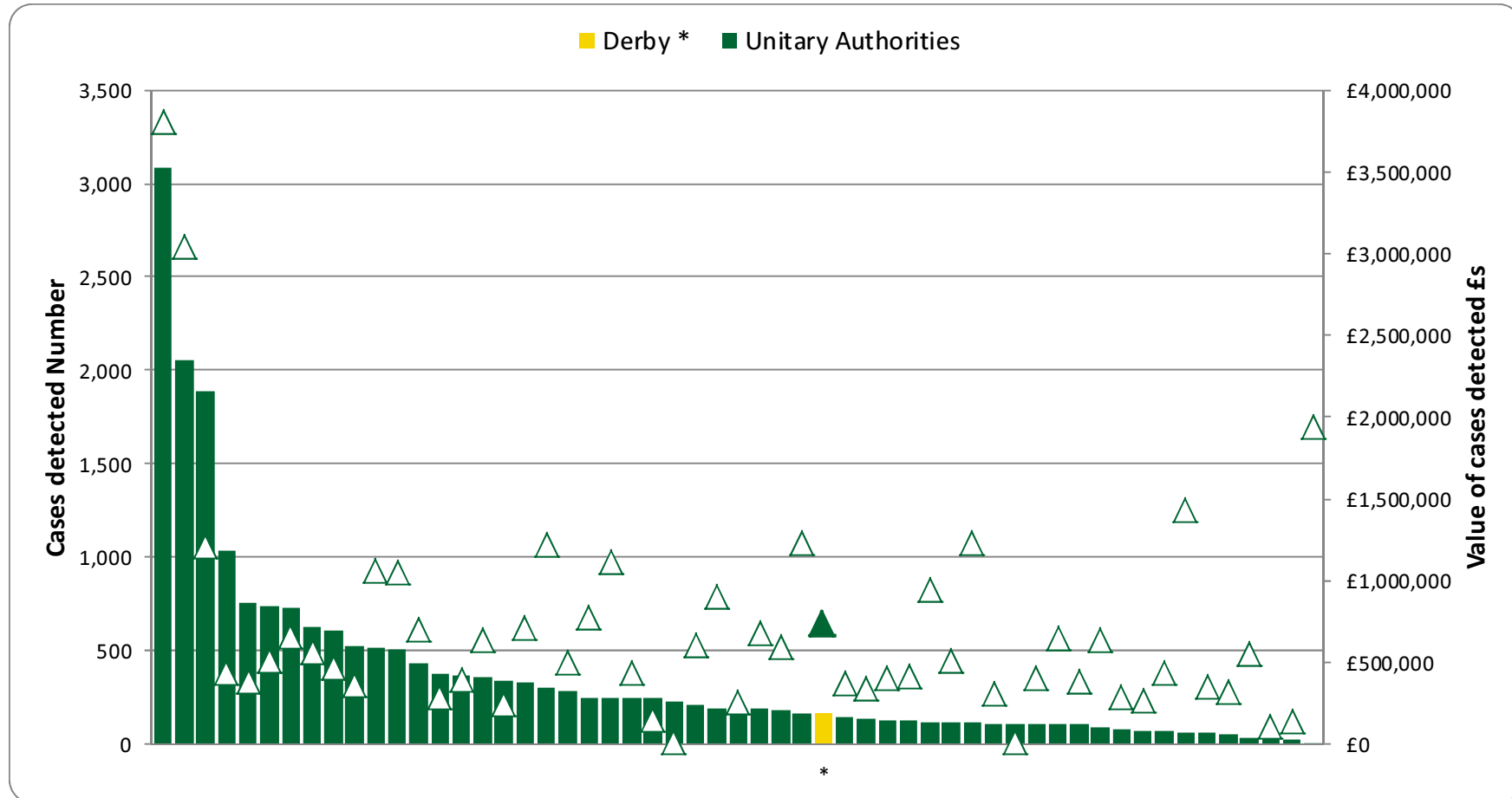
Derby detected 159 cases #. The value of detected fraud was £732,746.
Average for other Unitary Authorities: 373 cases, valued at £693,230

Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Benefit (CTB) 2013/14
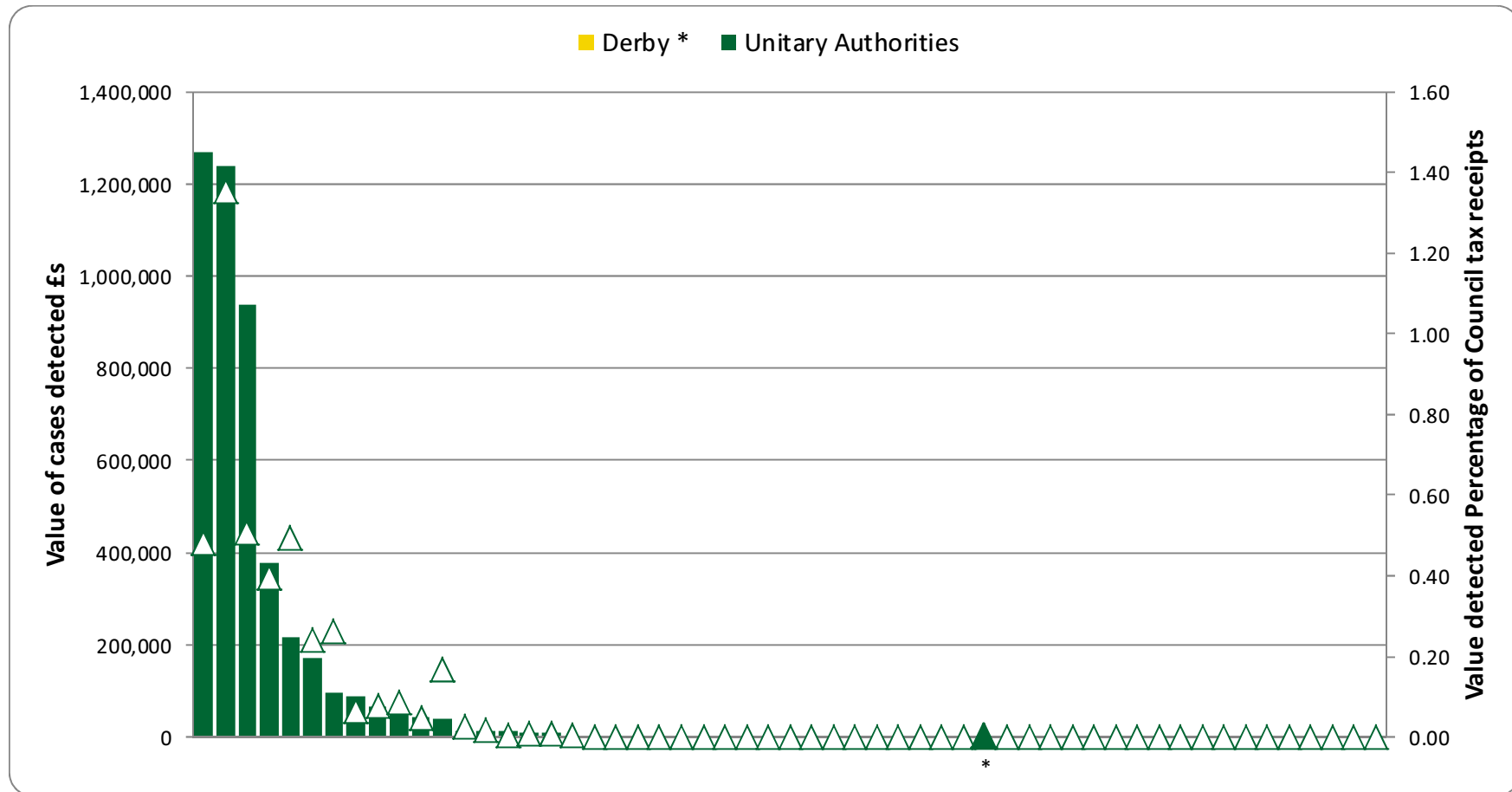## Total detected cases, and as a proportion of housing benefit caseload
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Derby detected 134 cases of this type of fraud. The value of detected fraud was £708,556.
Average for other Unitary Authorities: 163 cases, valued at £541,889

Council tax discount fraud 2013/14
Total detected value, and value as a proportion of council tax income

Derby

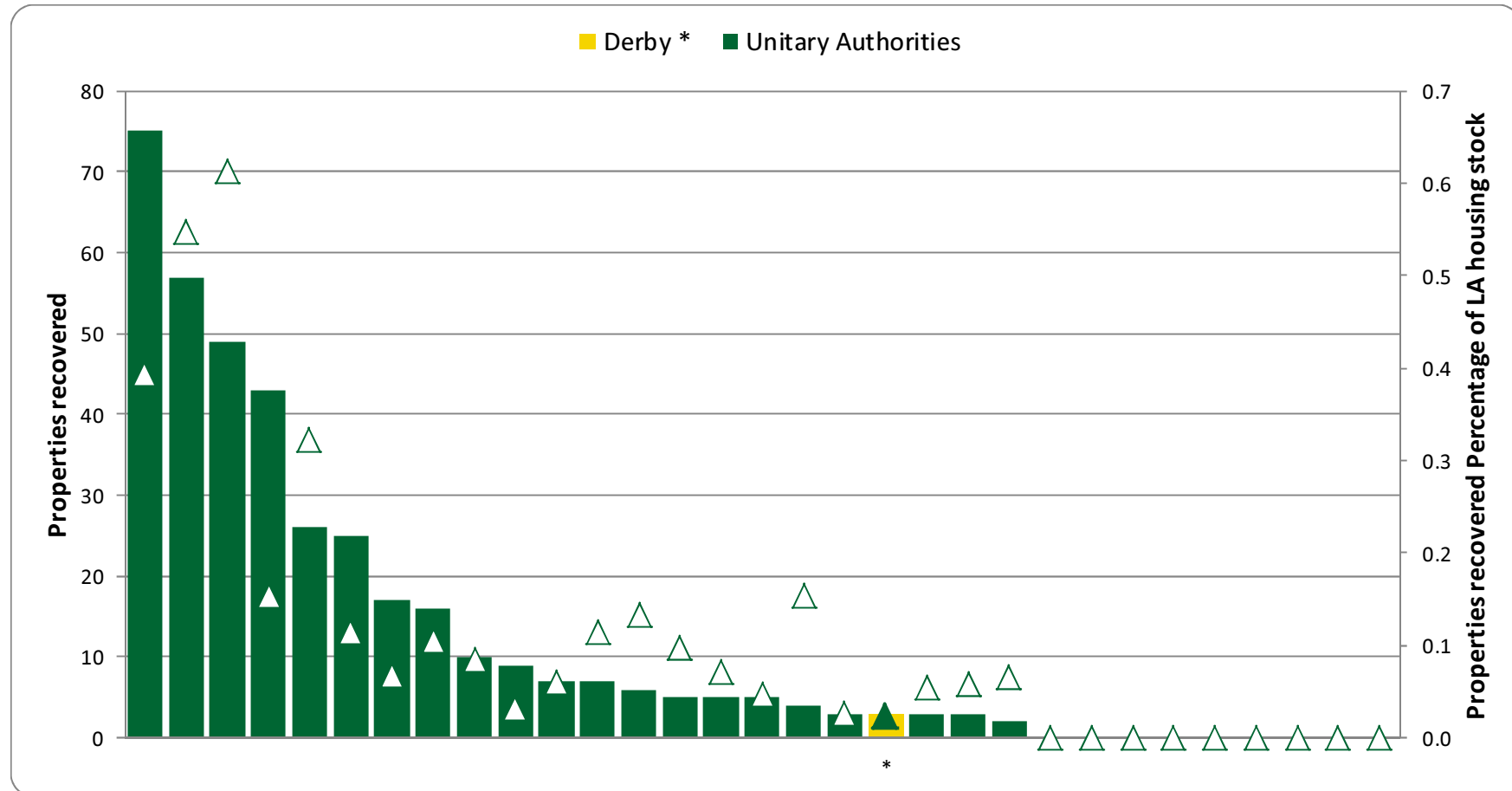■ Derby *   ■ Unitary Authorities

Value of cases detected £s

Value detected Percentage of Council tax receipts

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Derby did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
Average for other Unitary Authorities: 173 cases, valued at £86,424

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Social Housing fraud (only councils with housing stock) 2013/14
Total properties recovered, and as a proportion of housing stock

Derby

■ Derby * ■ Unitary Authorities

Derby recovered 3 properties.
Average for other Unitary Authorities with housing stock: 13 cases

Right to buy fraud (only councils with housing stock) 2013/14
Right to buy cases and value
Derby

Derby did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
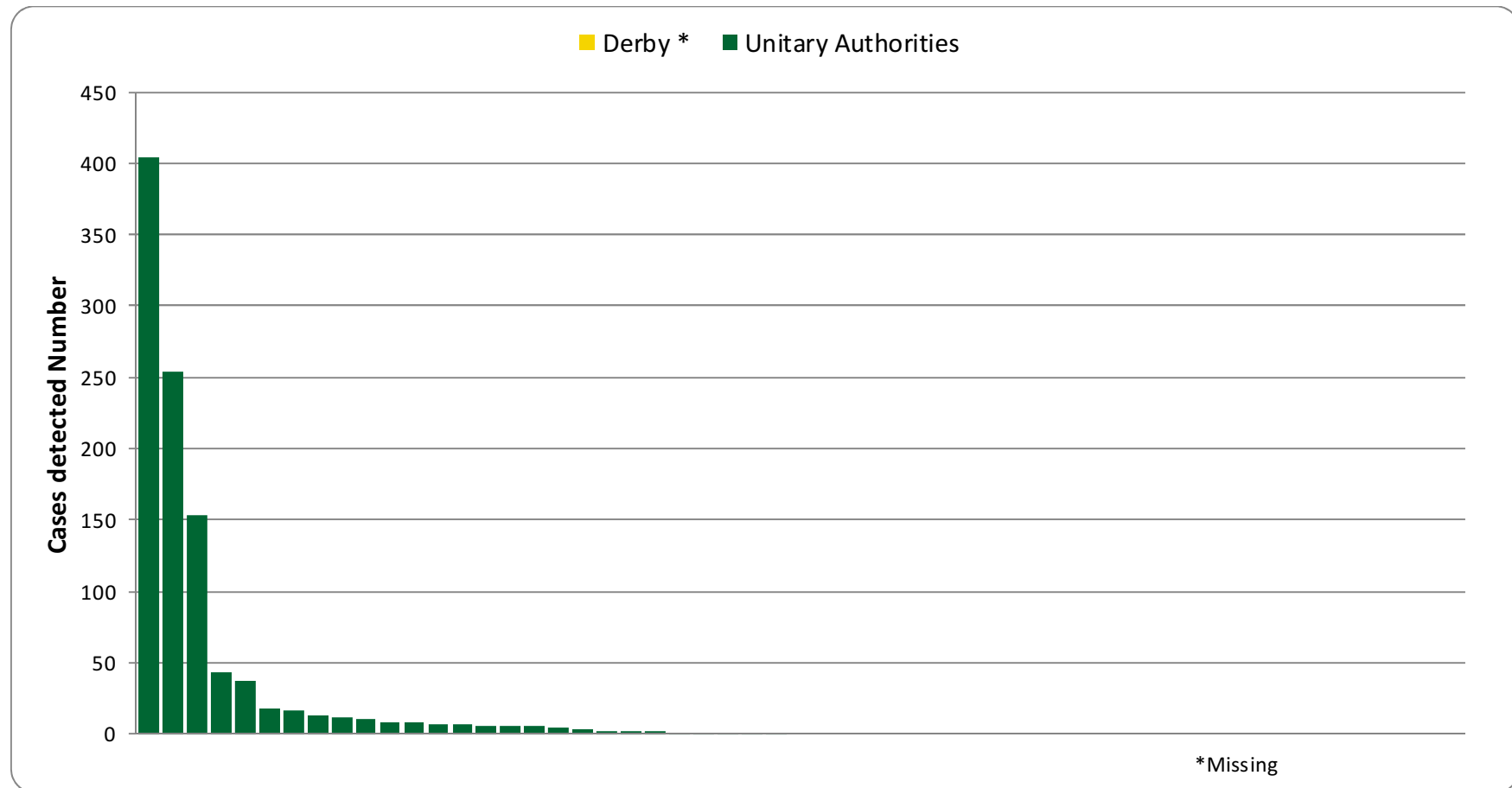
Average for other Unitary Authorities with housing stock: 0.4 cases

Disabled parking (Blue Badge) fraud 2013/14

Derby

Derby detected this type of fraud and did not report the number of cases.
Average for other Unitary Authorities: 19 cases

Other frauds 2013/14
Derby

Procurement: Derby did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
Total for other Unitary Authorities: 25 cases, valued at £832,190

Insurance: Derby did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
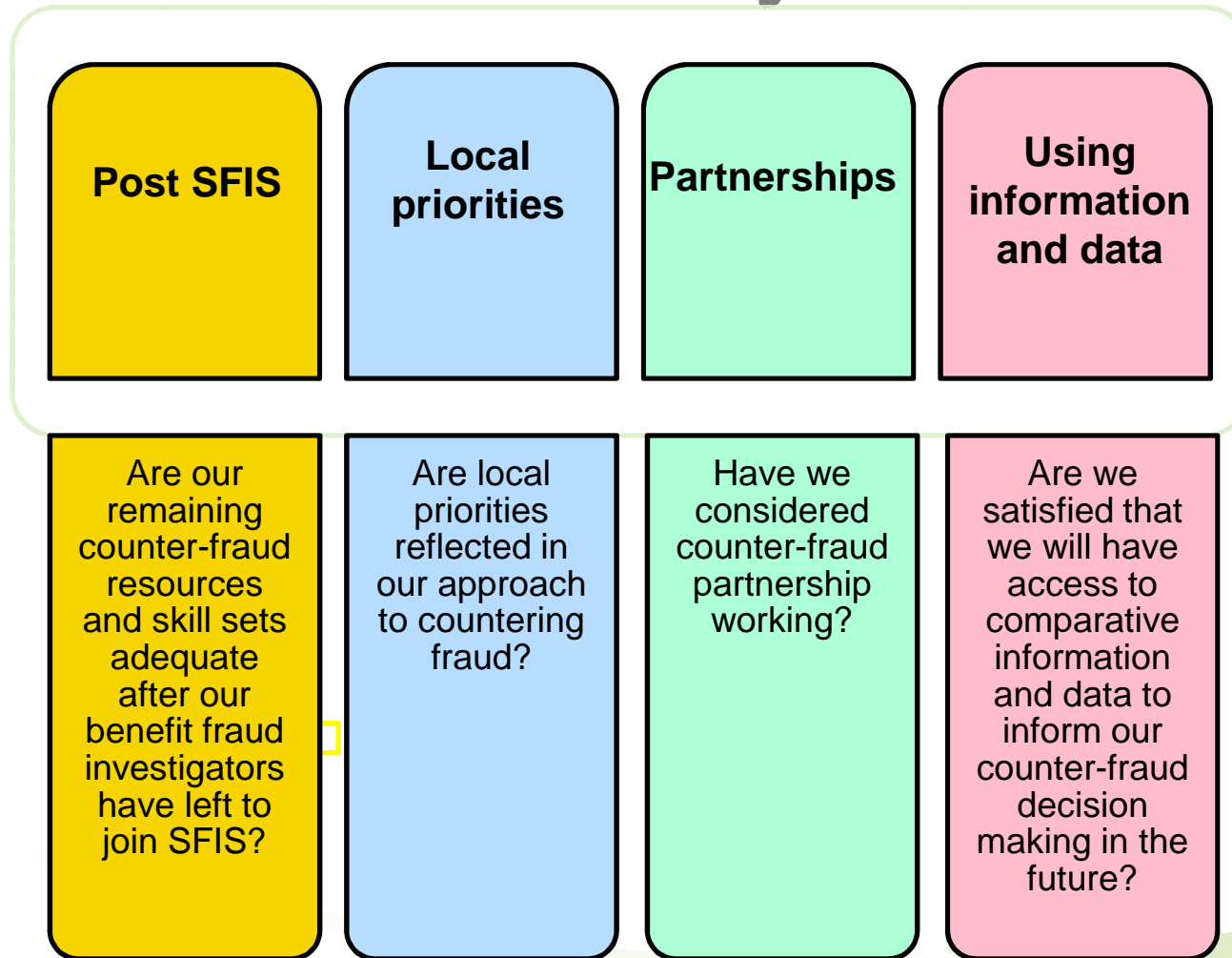Total for other Unitary Authorities: 34 cases, valued at £988,636

Social care: Derby did not detect any cases of this type of fraud.
Total for other Unitary Authorities: 47 cases, valued at £731,379

Internal: Derby detected this type of fraud and did not report the number of cases.
Total for other Unitary Authorities: 320 cases, valued at £1,030,498

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

Post SFIS	Local priorities	Partnerships	Using information and data
Are our remaining counter-fraud resources and skill sets adequate after our benefit fraud investigators have left to join SFIS?	Are local priorities reflected in our approach to countering fraud?	Have we considered counter-fraud partnership working?	Are we satisfied that we will have access to comparative information and data to inform our counter-fraud decision making in the future?

Any questions?