

# Protecting the Public Purse

## Fraud Briefing 2013

### Lancashire County Council

Appendix B



# Agenda

- Introduction and purpose of your Fraud Briefing
- *Protecting the Public Purse (PPP) 2013* report – national picture
- Interpreting fraud detection results
- The local picture
- Questions?

## *And do not forget*

- *Checklist for those charged with governance (Appendix 2 of PPP 2013)*
- *Questions councillors may want to ask/consider (Appendix 3 of PPP 2013)*

# Introduction

- Fraud costs local government in England over £2 billion per year (*source: National Fraud Authority*)
- Fraud is never a victimless crime
- Councillors have an important role in the fight against fraud

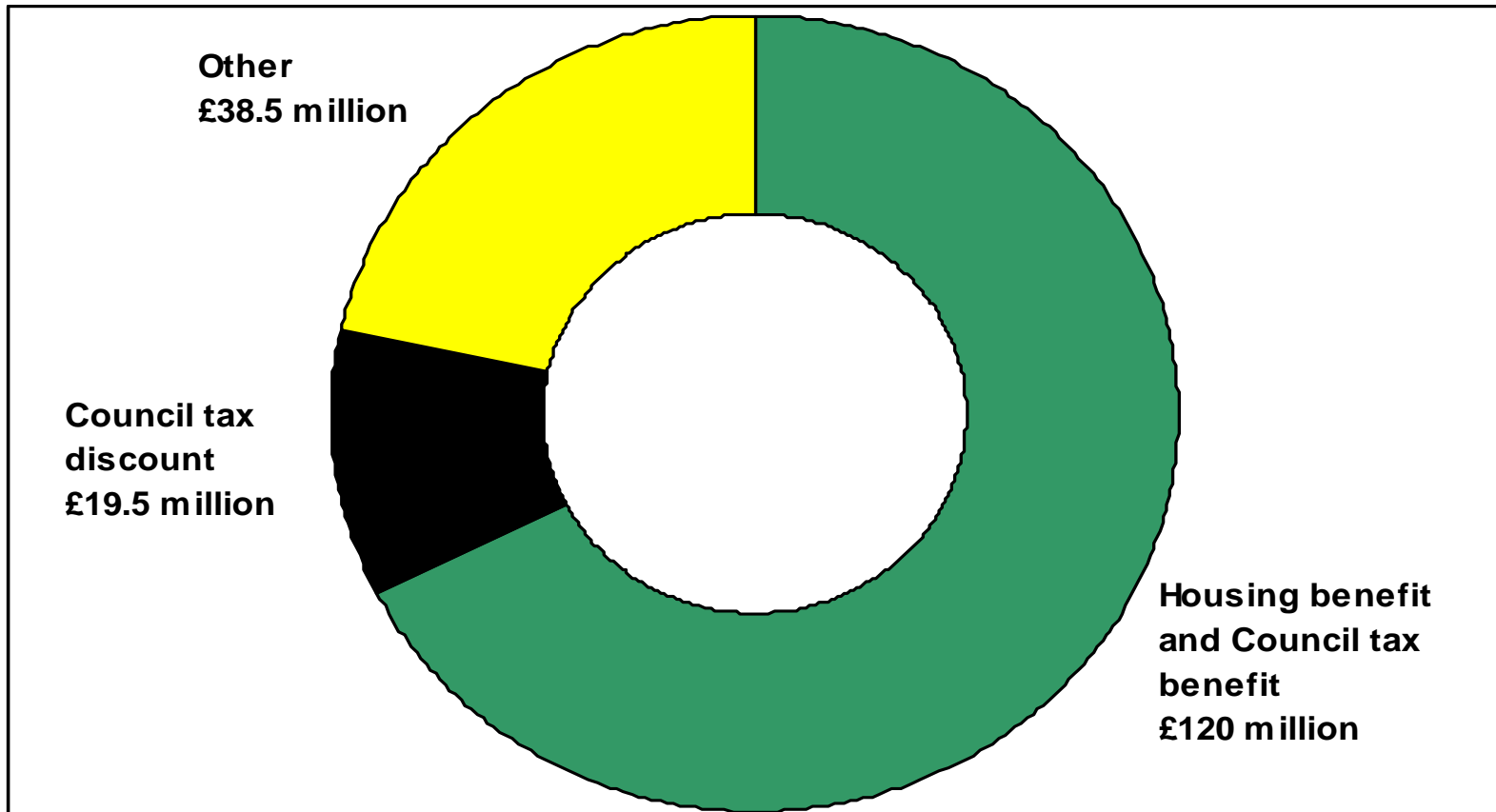


# Purpose of Fraud Briefing at your council

- Opportunity for councillors to consider fraud detection performance, compared to similar local authorities;
- Reviews current counter fraud strategy and priorities;
- Discuss local and national fraud risks;
- Reflect local priorities in a proportionate response to those risks

# National Picture 2012/13

**Total cases detected 107,000, with a value of £178 million (excluding social housing fraud)**



***Nationally, the number of detected frauds has fallen by 14% since 2011/12 and the value by less than 1%***

# Interpreting fraud detection results

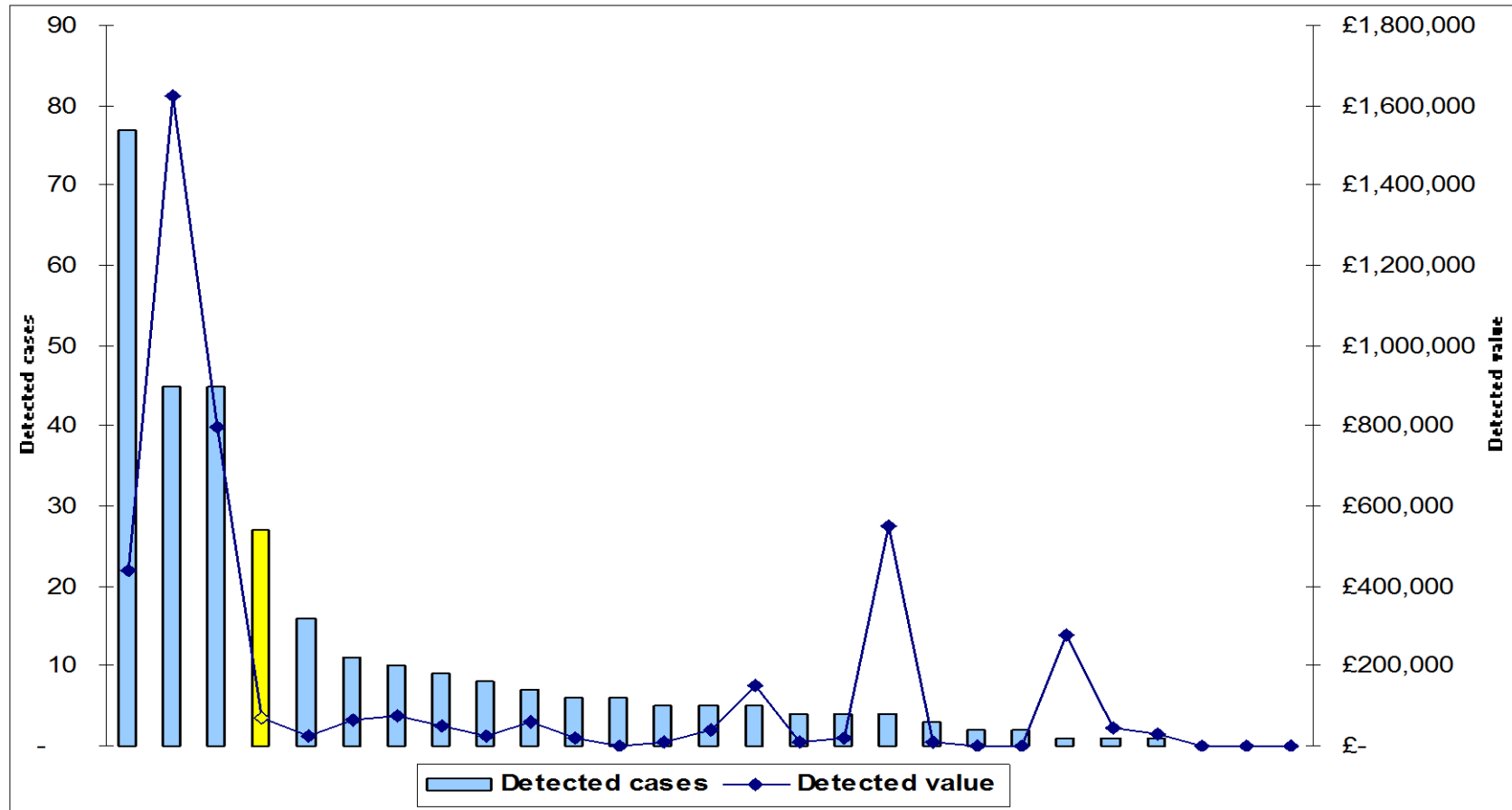
- Contextual and comparative information needed to interpret results
- Detected fraud is indicative, not definitive, of counter fraud performance (Prevention and deterrence should not be overlooked)
- No fraud detected does not mean no fraud committed (Fraud will always be attempted and even with the 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)

*Your council is highlighted in yellow in the graphs that follow*

# The local picture

## How your council compares to other County Councils

### Total detected cases and value 2012/13



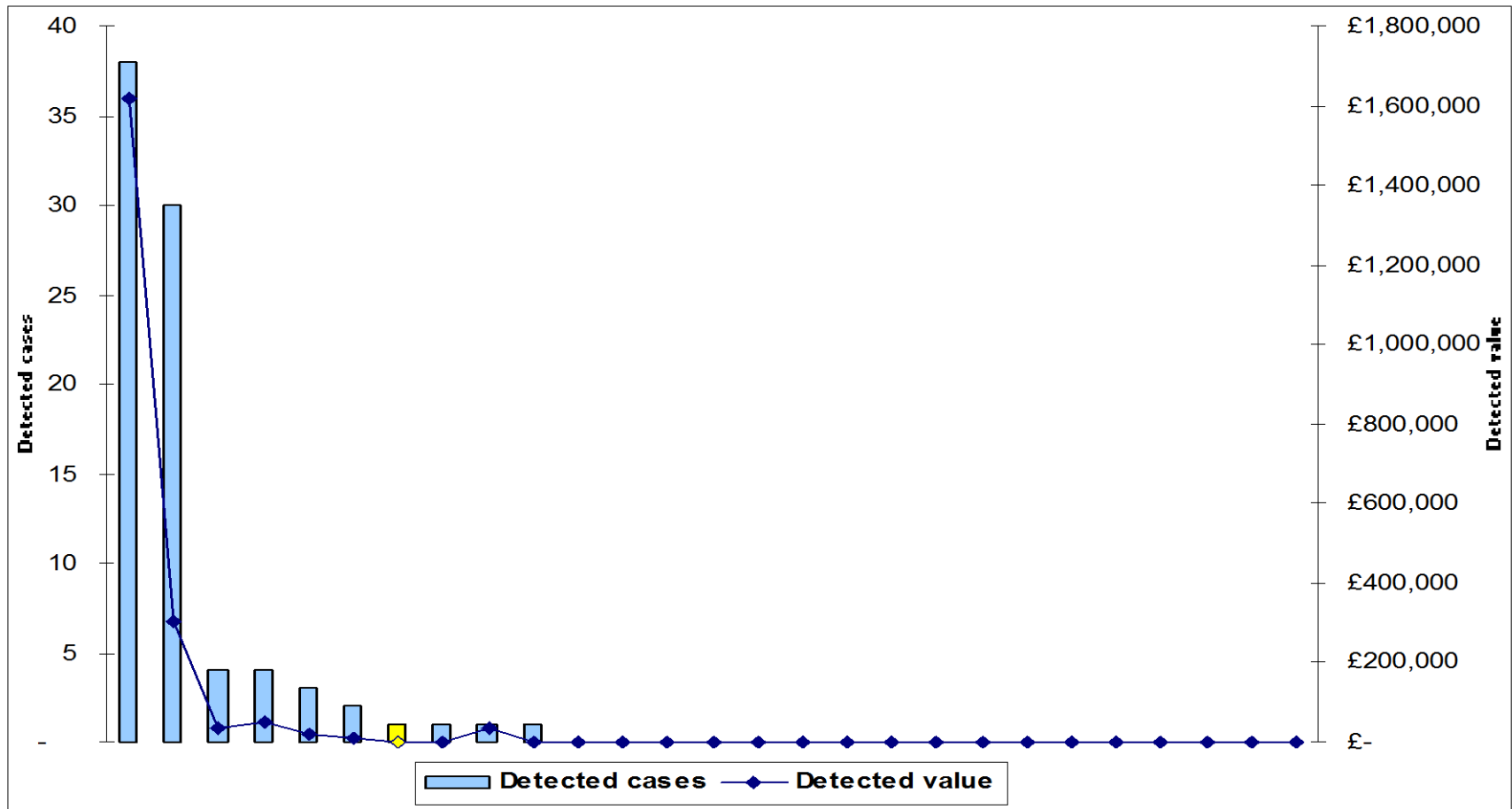
Lancashire detected: 27 cases, valued at £70,004

County Council average: 11 cases, valued at £162,763

# County Councils 2012/13

## Social care fraud

### Detected cases and detected value



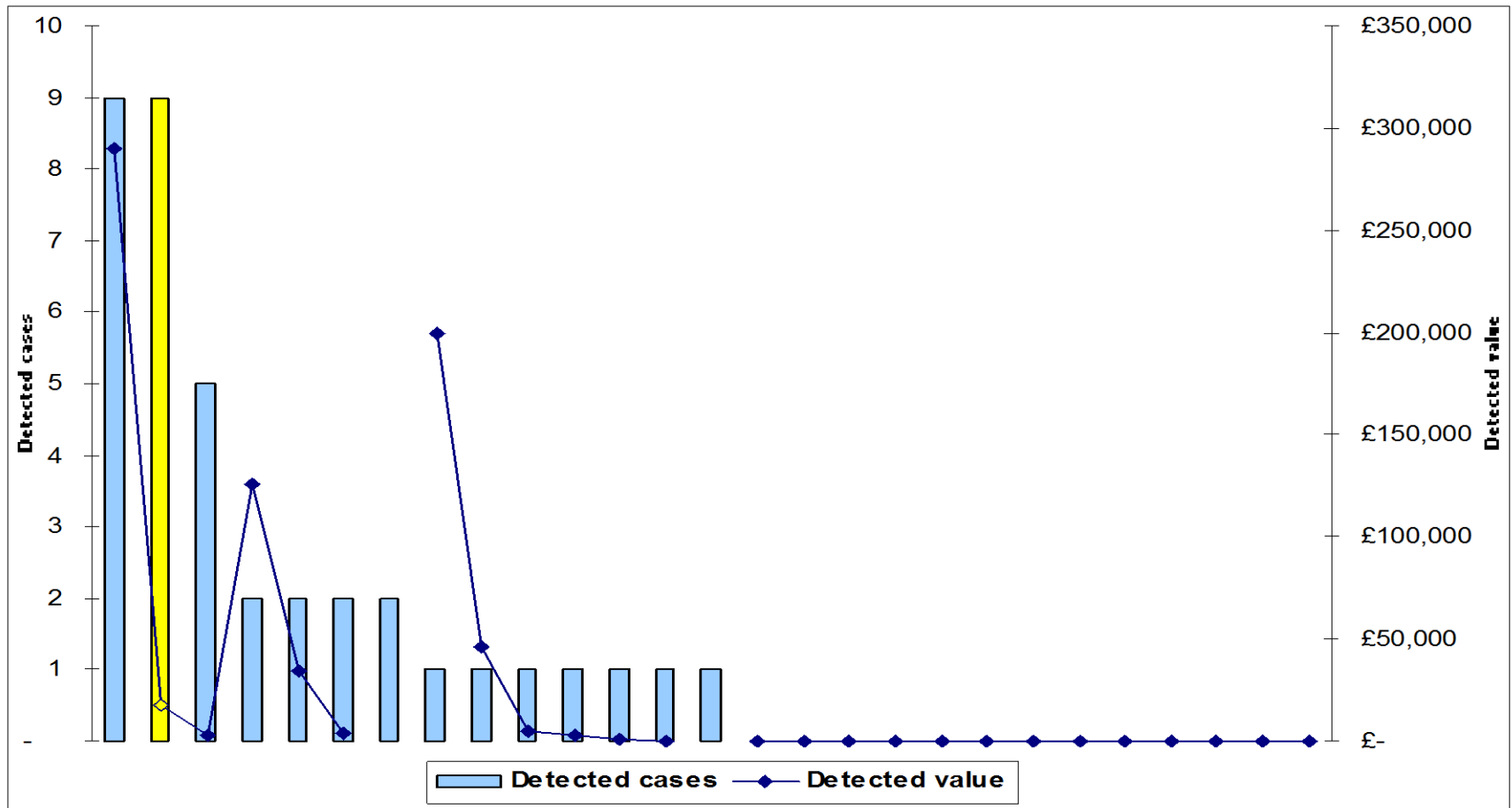
Lancashire detected: 1 cases, valued at £200  
County Council average: 3 cases, valued at £77,003



# County Councils 2012/13

## Schools fraud

### Detected cases and detected value

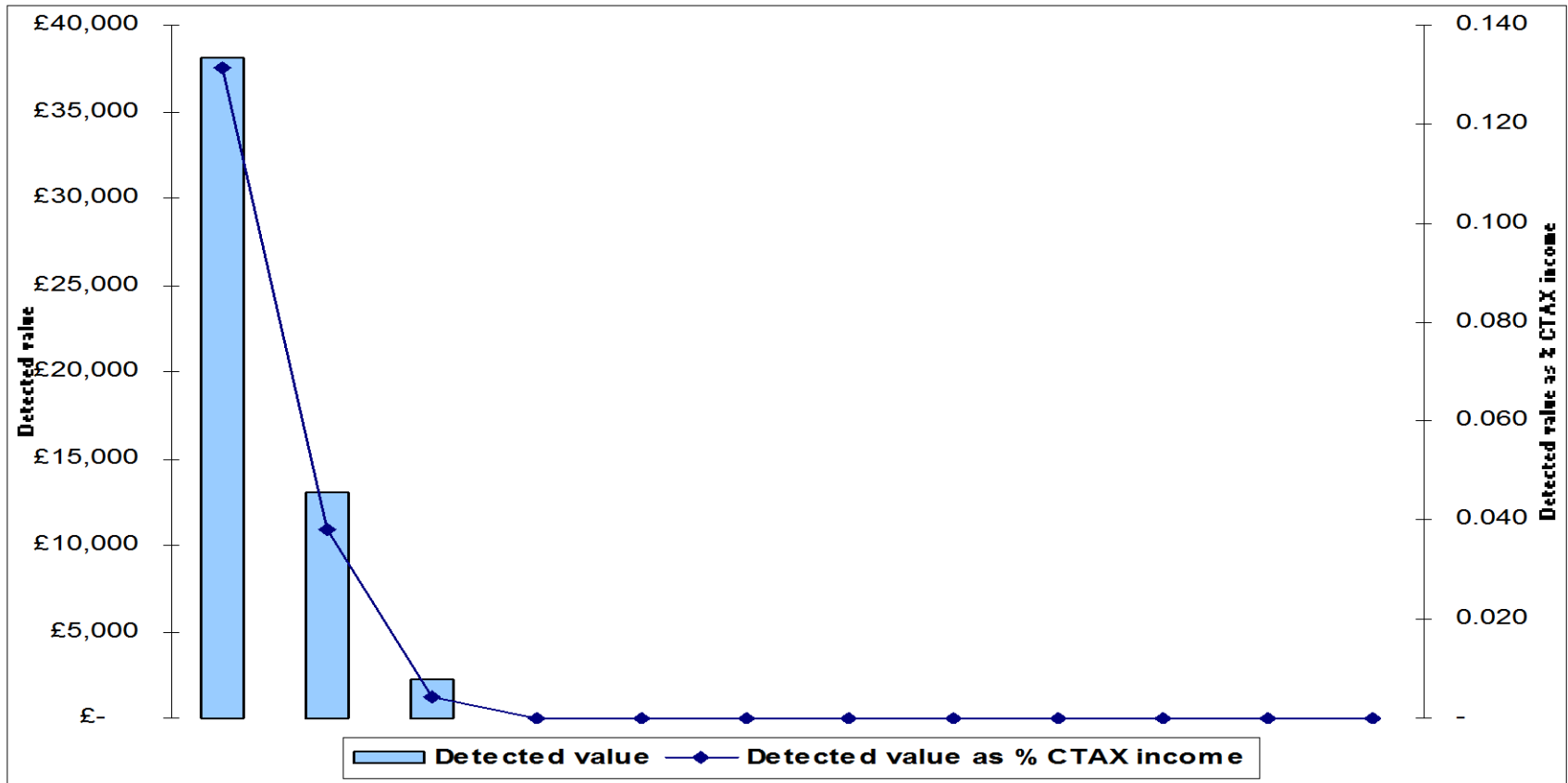


Lancashire detected: 9 cases, valued at £17,400  
 County Council average: 1 case, valued at £27,032

# District Councils in your County Council area 2012/13

## Council tax (CTAX) discount fraud

### Detected value and detected value as a percentage of council tax income

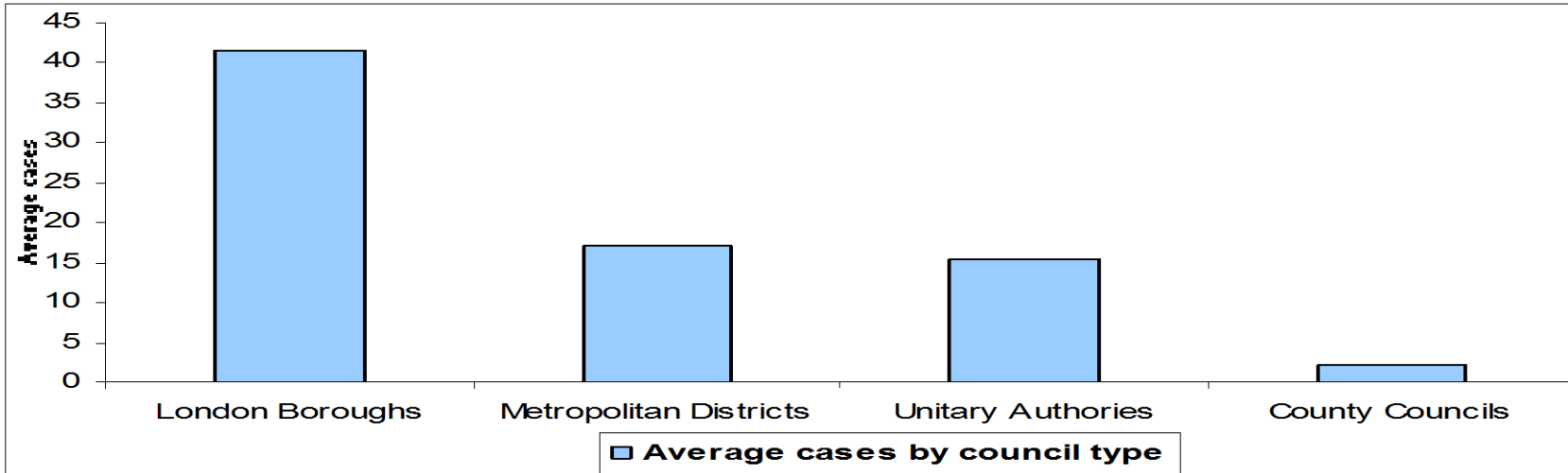


Total detected in your county area : 116 cases, valued at £53,268

Average in your county area : 10 cases, valued at £4,439

# Disabled parking (Blue Badge) fraud 2012/13

## Detected cases by council type and County Councils



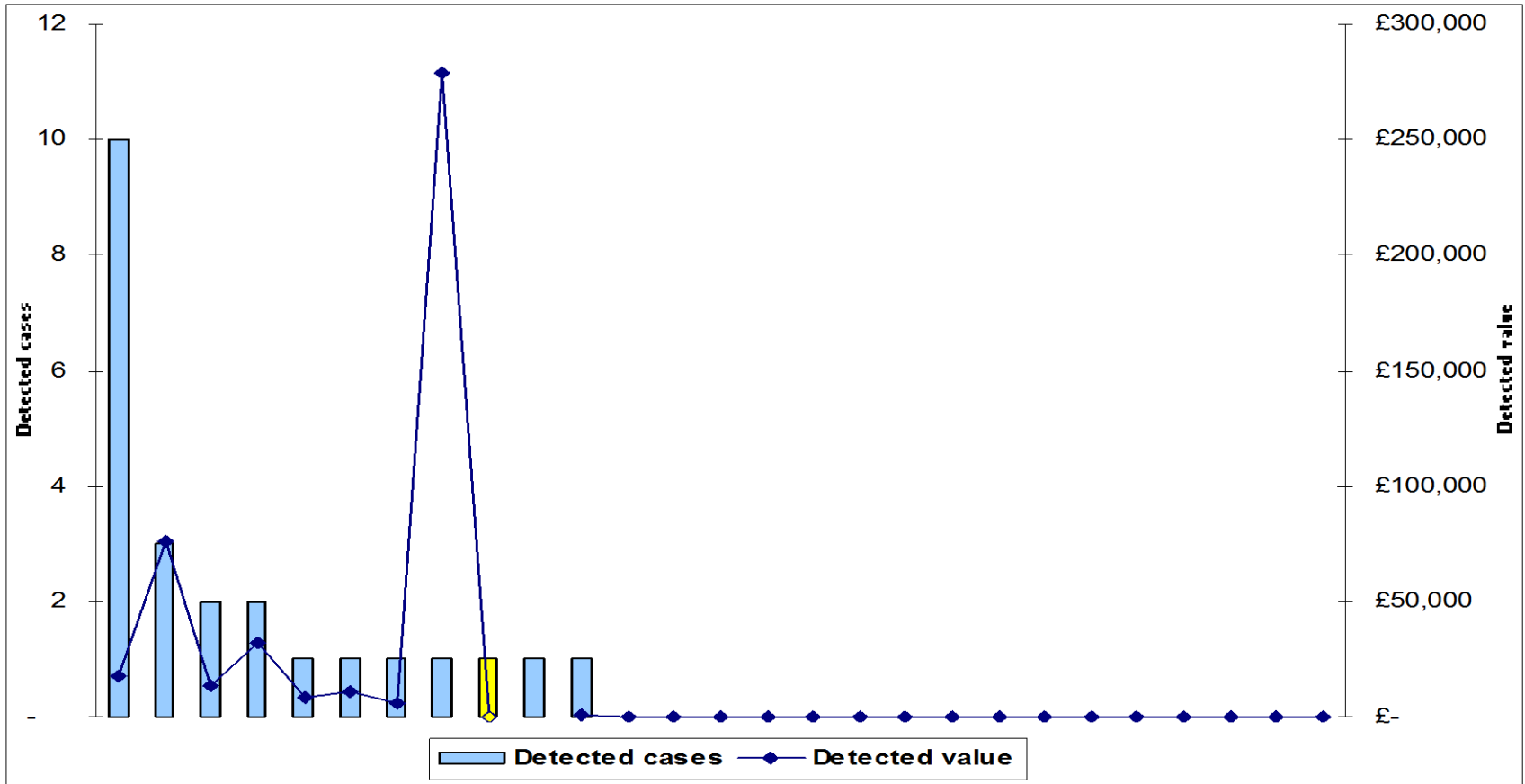
Lancashire detected: no cases

County Council average: 2 cases

# County Councils 2102/13

## Procurement fraud

### Detected cases and detected value

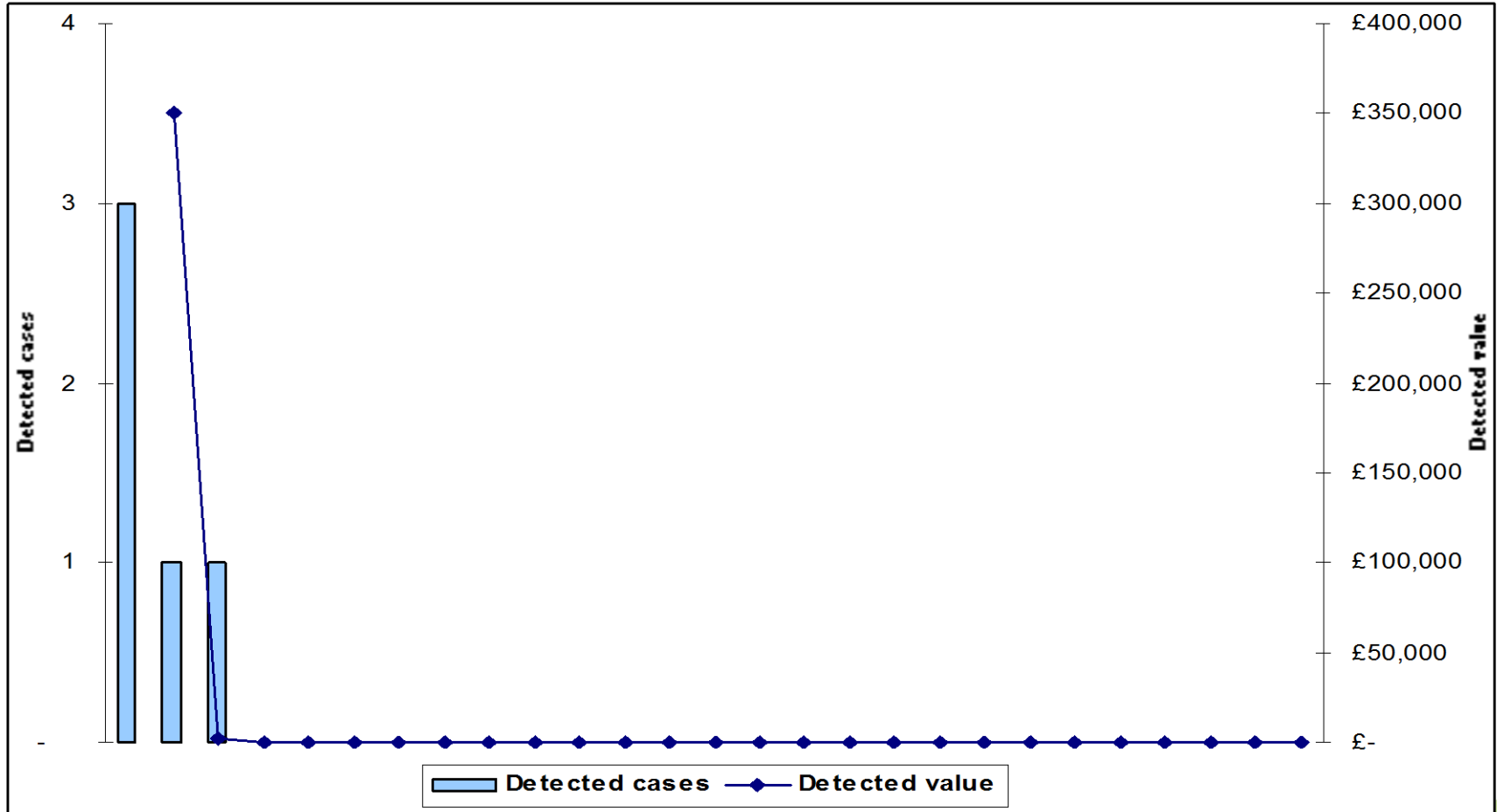


Lancashire detected: 1 cases, valued at £4  
County Council average: 1 case, valued at £16,499

# County Councils 2012/13

## Insurance fraud

### Detected cases and detected value



Lancashire detected: no cases

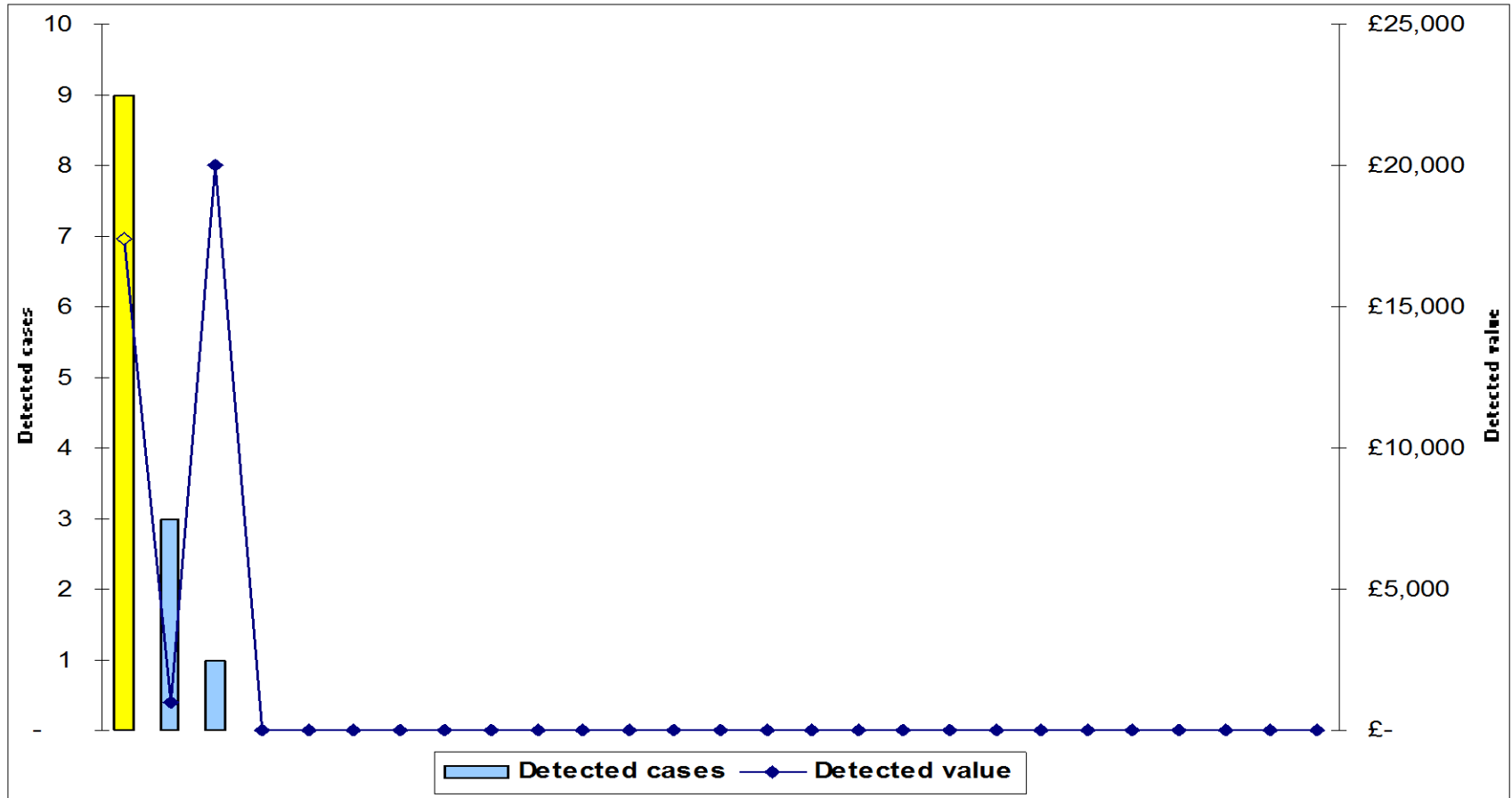
County Council Total: 5 cases, valued at £351,800



# County Councils 2012/13

## Economic and third sector support fraud

### Detected cases and detected value

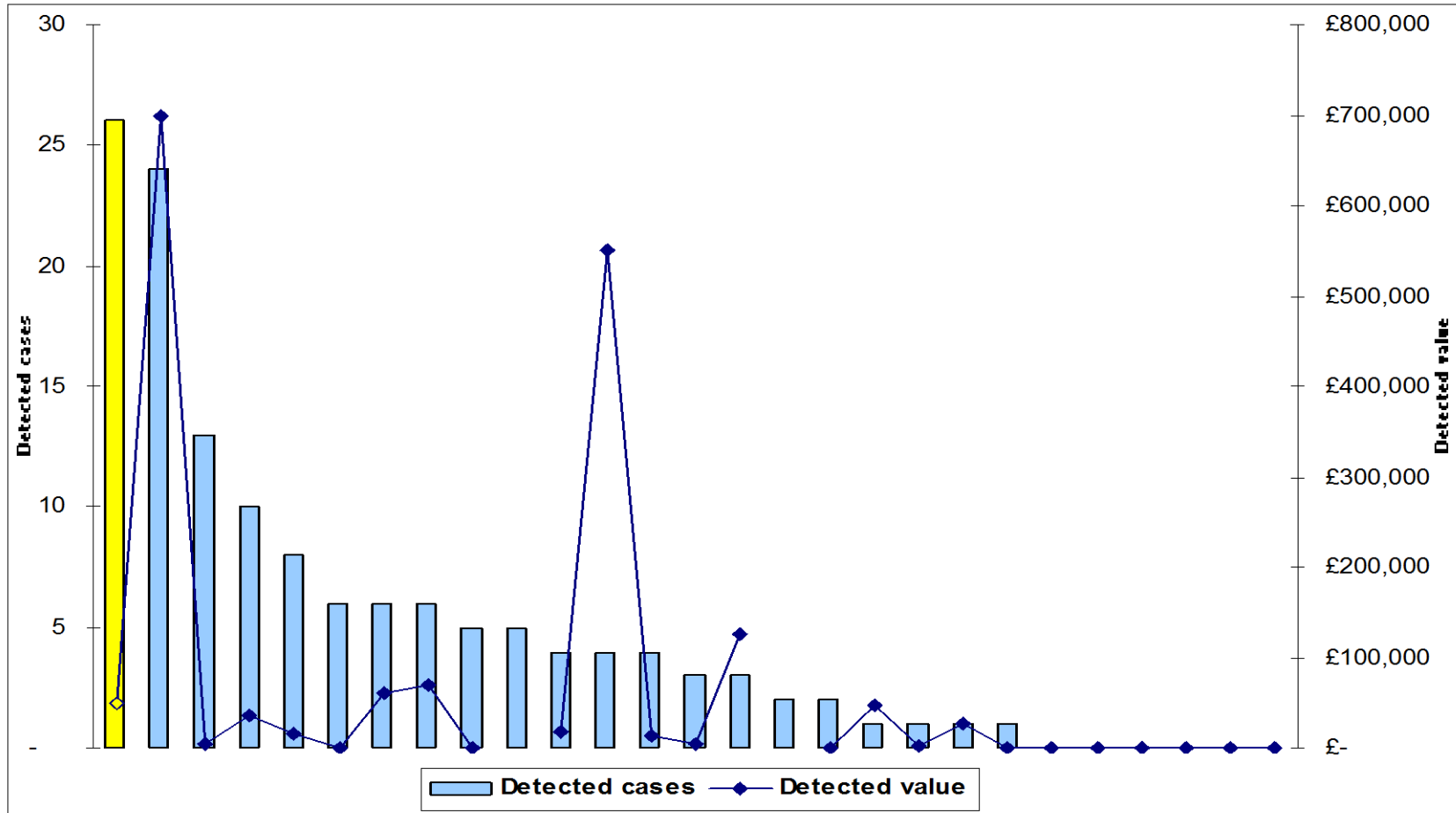


Lancashire detected: 9 cases, valued at £17,400  
County Council total: 13 cases, valued at £38,400

# County Councils 2012/13

## Internal fraud

### Detected cases and detected value



Lancashire detected: 26 cases, valued at £50,004  
County Council average: 5 cases, valued at £63,811

# Any questions?

