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When an investigator of the office of the ICE undertakes an investigation for allegations of fraud and/or dishonesty allegedly committed by a Civil Servant does the investigator follow the guidelines of the DWP discipline policy and procedures?

When allegations of fraud and/or dishonesty are made against a Civil Servant does the investigator of the ICE's office contact the DWP Internal Investigations department in line with the DWP policy procedures without exception for their guidance?

In all of fraud and/or dishonesty cases would the ICE investigator give full responsibility to the DWP Internal investigations to undertake an investigation or at the very least for the investigator of the ICE seek advise and guidance from the DWP internal investigations in line with DWP policy procedures?

DWP response

The role of the ICE office is to examine whether correct procedures have been followed and the relevant guidance has been adhered to by DWP.

An ICE investigation can involve the relevant procedures/guidance being sought from DWP if it is not readily available.

If an ICE investigation establishes that the correct action has not been followed by DWP then the Independent Case Examiner can recommend that it is. Although officers from the ICE office would not be involved in the completion of any action, they will monitor that it is completed and the correct procedures/guidance have been followed.