Kent Fraud Alert System

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Vaccine scams – IMPORTANT ALERT

Earlier this week I sent you all an alert about a vaccine scam. Since then, there has been a lot of reporting in the national media on this subject, including a elderly victim who paid for a fake vaccine jab in her home. Below are 2 examples of messages that are being sent by text and email. Derbyshire Police has reported fraudsters cold calling victims and asking them to pay for the vaccine over the phone. Additionally, beware of persons calling at your door impersonating the NHS and requesting monies for a vaccine.
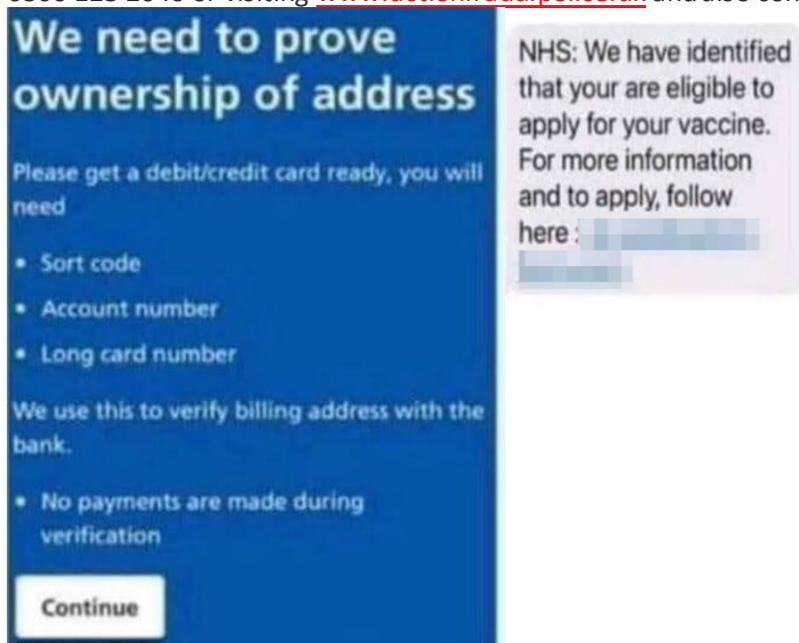
Coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. **Remember, the vaccine is free of charge**. **At no point will you be asked to pay.**

The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details neither will they will never ask you for your PIN or banking password.

- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726 which is free of charge.

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk and also contact your Bank.

We need to prove ownership of address

Please get a debit/credit card ready, you will need

- Sort code
- Account number
- Long card number

We use this to verify billing address with the bank.

- No payments are made during verification

Continue

NHS: We have identified that your are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here :

Kent Police

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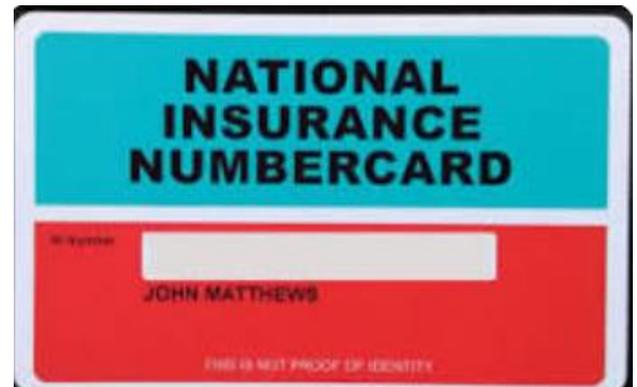# Kent Fraud Alert System

National Insurance Number Scams

Earlier today a Kent Resident (my wife) received an automated call stating that their National Insurance Number had been compromised by somebody living in Wales and that they needed to press button 1 to be directed to an advisor and that failure to do so would result in a fine.

This is an obvious scam, please never press button 1 or click on any links or divulge personal or banking data etc.

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Tips to help you stay more secure online

Many people over Christmas may have either updated or were given a nice new Android device for Christmas. However, you may not have been given advice/tips on how to secure your Google account. The below link from Action Fraud that will take you to the top tips on how to secure your Google account against the latest threats.

https://safety.google/security/security-tips/

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.

Remember, ABC:

never Assume
never Believe
always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice: @KentPoliceECU

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