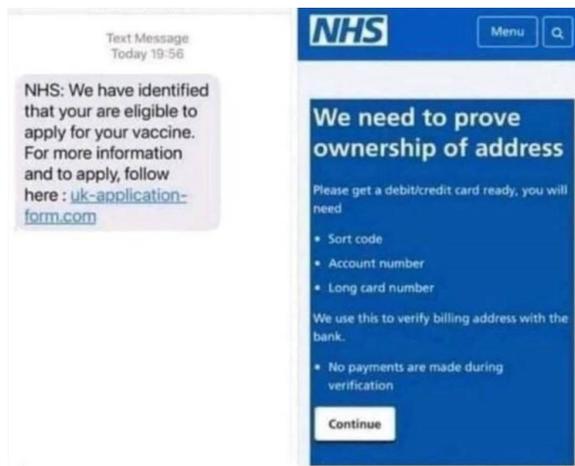




Fraud Alert

Fake NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Alert

The Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI) has issued a warning regarding fraudulent text messages being sent to the public informing them that the COVID-19 vaccine is available to them. Here is an example of the scam text. The link takes you to a bogus website that does appear to look like a genuine NHS site which asks for your banking details.



CTSI state that “this is the latest in a series of scams themed around the pandemic in circulation since last March. With the UK vaccine rollout underway, scammers have modified their scam to consider this new development”.

Full details can be found at: <https://www.tradingstandards.uk/news-policy/news-room/2021/fake-nhs-covid-19-vaccination-messages-target-vulnerable-public>

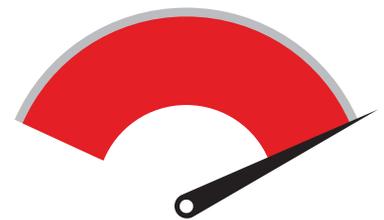


How to protect yourself from scams

- Stop and think before replying or clicking on a link
- Never give out personal or financial details in response to emails, text or phonecalls.
- Block numbers that you suspect may be from spammers.

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Status: Action Required

The alert provides information and advice to employees about fraud and economic crime, and the risks associated with it.

If you have fallen victim to fraud or cyber-crime you should report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visit: <https://reporting.actionfraud.police.uk/>

If you have given your bank details and think you may have lost money, contact your bank immediately.

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