

DMCC Covid-19

Information Sheet

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Welcome to our latest short DMCC Covid-19 information sheet that is about vaccine scams for you and your members to be aware of in these challenging times.

If you would like any further advice or would like to link up with another Memory Café, please send a note to us at info@dmcc.org.uk

June Wildman, Chairperson DMCC

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Subject: SCAM LINKED TO COVID-19 VACCINE!:

This is a message to raise public awareness regarding a recent scam linked to the COVID -19 vaccine.

We have been alerted by different sources, to a scam that is now in wider circulation, that starts with a text and advises the user that they are eligible to apply for the vaccine.

Users are then invited to click on the link in the text message and are taken to a web page, again that looks very convincing. It goes on to ask for some personal information, for them to be able to apply for the vaccine.

The details asked for:

- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Proof of address
- Card payment details

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue, as fraudsters continue to take advantage of the rollout to so many people.

An example of the Fake Text published by the National Neighbourhood Watch Network is shown below. Recipients are advised to report this to **Action Fraud** on **0300 123 2040** or **www.actionfraud.police.uk**.

Mick HARRISON, Community Engagement Worker, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

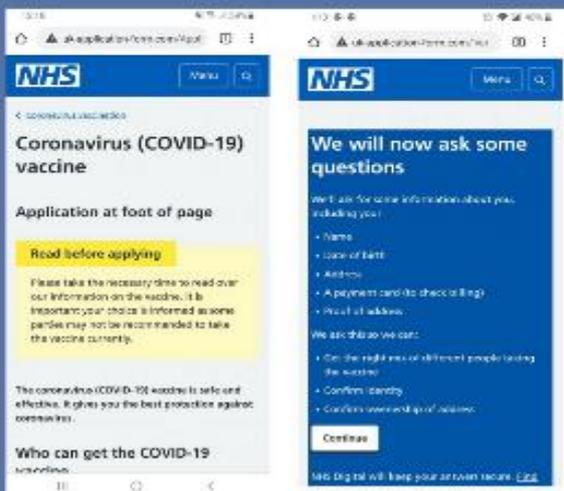
Fake Text re - Covid-19 Test

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. Here's what it looks like.

This URL takes you through to an extremely convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

A NHS: We have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here : uk-application-form.com



NEVER give out your personal details.

With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters look to take advantage of the rollout to so many people.

Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place – we've already had reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up.

Protect others by reporting incidents like this. If you, or anyone you know, have been affected by this fraud or any other scam, report it to **Action Fraud** by calling **0300 123 2040** or visiting **www.actionfraud.police.uk**



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Coronavirus Vaccination Scams

Hi Everyone, Following on from a previous email I sent to you about this, please see below details from the police about Coronavirus Vaccination scams. Please circulate to make others aware.



Alert - Coronavirus Vaccination Scams

Dear subscriber,

As of 7 January 2021, Action Fraud had received 57 reports from members of the public who have been sent text messages claiming to be from the NHS, offering them the opportunity to sign up for coronavirus vaccinations. The texts ask the recipient to click on a link which takes them to an online form where they are prompted to input personal and financial details. In some cases the online form has looked very similar to the real NHS website.

Pauline Smith, Head of Action Fraud, said:

“Remember, the vaccine is only available on the NHS and is free of charge. The NHS will never ask you for details about your bank account or to pay for the vaccine. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, this is a scam.”

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccinations will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a local GP surgery or pharmacy, to receive your vaccination. **Remember, the vaccinations are free of charge and you will not be asked for a payment.**

The NHS will never:

- ask for your bank account or card details
- ask for your PIN or banking passwords
- arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- ask for documentation to prove your identity, such as a passport or utility bills

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.

Please forward this email to any friends, family members, or colleagues that may find this information useful

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Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)



Independent Living Centre update

Dear Carer & service user groups,

We hope you are all keeping safe and well.

As we go through a third national lock down we wanted to let you and your groups know that we are still OPEN for assessment and advice Monday - Friday via the **Phone:** 01392 380181 and **Email:** ilc-exeter@devon.gov.uk

We are also offering limited face to face pre booked appointments.

Please do let your groups know that we are still available for any equipment related queries & support.

Kind Regards,

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