

# Be Aware of HMRC Scams

Fraudsters will regularly adapt their methods to jump on emerging trends, and topical or seasonal issues. As many people are currently focusing on their end of year tax amendments it is ideal time for an influx of HMRC scams.

## HMRC Phishing Attempts

We are becoming increasingly aware of increased fraud attempts purporting to be from HMRC. Contact has been made by either Email, Telephone, Text Message and/or WhatsApp, by the fraudster.

We have received reports of staff have been receiving threatening phone calls and emails, purporting to be from an HMRC officer. The fraudsters' have been quite intimidating and threatening arrest or conviction for non-compliance. Their goal is to panic you into giving your personal data in order to use it or sell it to other fraudsters. It is imperative to remember that HMRC **will never** contact you in a threatening manner and genuine communication from them will almost always be via letter.

Follow the link [here](#) to the gov.uk website to obtain direct advice on how to avoid and report attempts. If you are unsure of anything you receive, remember they rely on your panic! Take a minute to think before you act and if in any doubt end the call & speak to your LCFS.



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About Fraud in the NHS?**

**We are on the case**



If you have any suspicions or concerns, you can call us anonymously on **0800 028 40 60** or contact your Local Counter Fraud Specialist:

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