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PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE.

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101.

Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Good afternoon,

Following a request this week, I have also attached a PDF copy of the alert that can be forwarded etc but should also maintain formatting for websites etc.

SMISHING/PHISHING

As previously mentioned, there have been a number of fake text messages and emails circulating. This week I would like to draw your attention to the following two:

DANSKE BANK WHATSAPP MESSAGE

There have been a recent message circulating via Whatsapp, text and social media claiming to have come from the City of London Fraud Team and 'the most advanced scam the banks have ever seen'.

The contact of this message is false.

However, the information about not clicking on suspicious links is the advice that we should all be following.

FAKE NHS EMAILS

As of yesterday (02/04/2020) Action Fraud had received 41 reports of this scam in two days. The email purports to be from HM Government asking for donations to the NHS to combat COVID-19.

The NHS will never ask for donations of money in this way – if you would like to donate to the NHS you can do so via the official channels.

View the Action Fraud article [here](#).

Remember to be wary of any emails asking you to click on links or requesting money.

With regards to both of these messages remember – do not click on links in unsolicited or unexpected messages.

And finally remember ABC:

Never Assume they are legitimate.

Never Believe they are legitimate.

Always Confirm using a trusted number or asking friends and family.

Many thanks,

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