

# Essex Police Fraud Alert System

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## Travel and Health Insurance Scams

With many people booking holidays and tickets to concerts and summer festivals, criminals are staying one step ahead by advertising holidays and tickets at low prices or for sold out events, illegally profiting from consumers who are looking for good deals or wanting to attend fully booked events. In some instances, scammers are charging people for the new Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC), which is available free of charge, or advertising fake 'vaccine certificates' online.



## Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) scams

When travelling in the EU, people can access emergency and medical care with a **Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC)**. This card has replaced the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) however criminals are capitalising on this new card to commit fraud, asking victims for payment details when the GHIC is free. They are advertising these cards on fake websites that look like that of the NHS. The sites claim to either fast-track or manage your application process before charging you an up-front fee.

**If you believe you've fallen for a scam contact your bank immediately on a number you know to be correct, such as the one listed on your statement, their website or on the back of your credit or debit card.**



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