### **Prescription frauds**

A number of reports have been received for a scam linked to NHS prescriptions.

Recipients of the phishing campaign are advised that by signing up to LloydsDirect they can easily manage their prescriptions and have them delivered for free. The email contains a link believed to be for the purposes of harvesting personal or financial information, and/or download harmful malware on to the victim's device.

Scammers have attempted to add multiple perceived authenticity layers to this phishing tactic by including images and logos associated with LloydsDirect and the NHS. They have also included Trustpilot reviews.

LloydsDirect is a service that is offered to customers, however be aware of any e mails or text messages relating to prescriptions. Never click on links sent to you, and instead contact LloydsDirect via their telephone number, web site or app and confirm they have contacted you.



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## **Holiday Scams**

There has been a reported increase of holiday/travel scams.

This is the time of year when people are booking a Christmas break or looking to book a summer holiday, and scammers are targeting the holiday trade to steal your money.

Contact is usually initiated through email or WhatsApp and the fraudsters will provide the recipient with deals on travel that are considerably cheaper than other sites and then add time pressures, stating the deal is only available for a limited time.

When payment is provided, the victim is instructed to pay it directly into a personal account.

Scammers are also adding layers of authenticity by creating fraudulent travel websites, designed to capture personal information, and the sites are prompted through paid Google Ads.

Once again, this is a scam targeted at those looking to get a cheaper deal during the cost-of-living crisis. Always think, if it seems too good to be true it probably is and keep safe on line.



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### **Black Friday Fake emails**

Action Fraud has received 2,035 reports about Black Friday scam emails.

The emails will ask you to click on a link which will direct you to a convincing looking website, where the criminals will steal your personal and financial data.

These type of scams will increase in frequency as we approach Christmas so please be careful when receiving e mails offering bargains or products at greatly reduced prices.

Never click on links from non trusted sites, instead go the company website or app and check prices and offers there.

You can report suspicious emails by forwarding to - report@phishing.gov.uk If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040



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### **Romance Scams**

Looking for love online? Never send money to or share your bank details with someone you have only met online, no matter what reason they give or how long you have been speaking to them.

This week we have had various reports of Romance scams.

One such victim had been speaking to a male for over 5 months. He stated that he was in the military and eventually after a period of time stated he had been shot and desperately needed money to pay expensive hospital bills and to arrange flights back to the UK, however it was all a scam.

The criminals rely on pressurising people and taking advantage of their good nature. The following will take you to advice and information by Action Fraud on Romance Scams, in particular, if you think that you maybe a victim or suspect that someone you know is being targeted: - Romance scams | Action Fraud If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040



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