

**BOGUS CALLER NETWORK****PARTNERSHIP HOUSEHOLDER INFORMATION SHEET**

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TIME & DATE OF MESSAGE	21 st April 2020	
WHO IS BEING TARGETED:	Householders and tenants	
WHEN DID IT	21 st April 2020	
WHERE DID IT HAPPEN	BOROUGH	AREA – not postcode
	Bury	N/A
WHAT	GENERAL INFORMATION	DESCRIPTIONS

<p>HAPPENED</p>	<p>People have been told to be cautious of online quizzes related to coronavirus as they may be harvesting data for fraudulent activities. There are a number of “Covid-19 quizzes” being shared on social media, which claim to test a person’s knowledge on the pandemic but actually ask unrelated questions about personal information.</p> <p>These include asking for details such as maiden names, family information, pets and contact details, including email addresses and telephone numbers, all bearing the hallmarks of a data harvesting operation commonly seen in financial fraud and identity theft, they institute. The general public should be wary of online quizzes, especially those themed around the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>Many of them ask personal questions which may seem harmless at first, such as pet names; however, scammers can harvest this data to create a full profile of the target.</p> <p>Security questions for bank accounts and online passwords usually incorporate this kind of information.</p> <p>The public should remember that each little tid-bit of information shared online is available to fraudsters to pick up and assemble into a target profile. Think about what you are putting online, and who could potentially see this information.</p> <p>Over time this adds up, and you may find that you have placed much more information about yourself online than you first thought.</p> <p>There has been a spate of scams linked to the pandemic, as criminals seek to capitalise on people’s fears.</p> <p>Fake food shopping vouchers and a bogus text telling individuals they have been fined for going out during lockdown are among them.</p> <p>The Covid-19 pandemic has led to a surge in all kinds of scams, ranging from the doorstep to email, telephone and social media and everyone should be extra cautious of what they communicate online at this unprecedented time.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>ACTIONS REQUESTED</p>	<p><u>PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS INFORMATION TO FRONTLINE STAFF & COMMUNITY GROUPS</u> PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS AND KEEP AN EYE ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE. Report suspicious callers to GMP on 101 or in an emergency dial 999.</p>	

The purpose of circulating this house holder information is to ensure that network members, frontline staff and community groups are aware of possible doorstep crime activity.

If you, a member of staff or member of the public believe that a criminal offence has been committed please contact the police immediately

PLEASE REPORT ANY INFORMATION TO THE POLICE

Emergency: 999

Non Emergency: 101

**REMEMBER: LOCKED – STOP – CHAIN – CHECK
IF IN DOUBT – KEEP THEM OUT!!**