



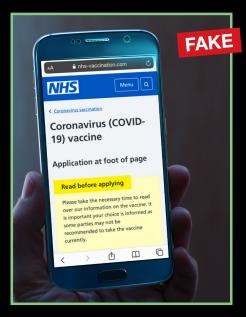
## BEALERT TO VACCINE FRAUD

Criminals are using the COVID-19 vaccine as a way to target the public by tricking them to hand over cash or financial details. They are sending convincing-looking text messages letting people know they are eligible for the vaccine or phoning people directly pretending to be from the NHS, or local pharmacy.

## PEOPLE ARE WARNED TO BE ALERT TO THESE SCAMS

The **NHS** will:

- NEVER ask for payment the vaccine is free
- NEVER ask for your bank details
- NEVER arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine
- NEVER ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport





## **FURTHER GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT**



If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to **report@phishing.gov.uk**. Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number **7726** which is free of charge.



If you believe you have been the victim of fraud or identity theft, you should report this directly to Action Fraud either online; **actionfraud.police.uk** or via phone **0300 123 2040.** 

CrimeStoppers.

If you have any information relating to vaccine fraud you can stay 100% anonymous by contacting Crimestoppers COVID Fraud Hotline online; **covidfraudhotline.org** or phone **0800 587 5030.**