Test and Protect scam

As we continue together making our way through this unprecedented time we have to remain vigilant as scammers continue to deploy various means, by email, text or a telephone call, to target us and attempt to gain from us.

Pictured, is a recent example of scam messaging pretending to be from the NHS and you can see how authentic it looks! Imagine how easy it would be for someone to reply to this? Before they realise what they have done they have clicked or opened the link and populated a fake site with their personal information - directly to the scammers.

Once scammers have your personal details they can either use it or share it as they want, in fact the amount of information scammers need is tiny. At the most basic level scammers only need your email address. They can then start sending you spam emails hoping that you will eventually fall for one of their scam messages, potentially opening yourself up to more serious consequences such as downloading Malware, being victim to Ransomware, Identity Fraud to (BEC) Business Email Compromise. The more details they have, the more damage they can do, so we have to remain vigilant and treat any unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls with a degree of scepticism and not responding without first confirming the authenticity of the sender / message.

https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/files/Business-email-compromise-infographic.pdf for more information on BEC

You can report suspicious emails by forwarding the original message to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) at report@phishing.gov.uk.

You can also report suspicious texts by forwarding the original message to 7726, which spells SPAM on your keypad.

If you have been a victim of crime, and it is not an ongoing emergency, you can report this to Police Scotland on 101. For all emergency calls dial 999.

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