

## Covid-19 Vaccine Scam alert

Neighbourhood Watch has advised about a new scam that is doing the rounds, but looks very believable and therefore highly dangerous. It starts with a text, seemingly from the NHS saying that they are now eligible to apply for the new vaccine and to click on the link to apply.

The link takes you to a website, which looks genuine and asks the user to complete a form asking for the following information.

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Payment card details
- Proof of address

As you can see from the above, this should automatically ring alarm bells, as we all know, the vaccine is **FREE**.

Please follow this advice:

- Do NOT click on links in unknown texts - always check it first
- NEVER give out your personal details
- With the recent approval of multiple vaccines in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters look to take advantage of the rollout to so many people
- Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place – already, there have been reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these calls, hang up.