

# Essex Police Fraud Alert System

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## FAKE NHS VACCINE TEXT WARNING

Another fraudulent text message is circulating claiming to be from the NHS, encouraging people to 'apply' for their COVID vaccine.

The text message contains a link that takes recipients to a very convincing website which proceeds to ask for personal and payment details.

This should be an immediate red flag, along with bad grammar and spelling mistakes, one of which can be seen highlighted in the images below.

**Remember: the COVID-19 vaccine is FREE via the NHS only, and they will never ask for bank details, PIN numbers or passwords.**

**It is not possible to purchase the vaccine or obtain it via other methods.**

NHS: We have identified that you are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here :

[\[Redacted URL\]](#)

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### Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine

Application at foot of page

#### Read before applying

Please take the necessary time to read over our information on the vaccine. It is important your choice is informed as some parties may not be recommended to take the vaccine currently.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine is safe and effective. It gives you the best protection against coronavirus.

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### We will now ask some questions

We'll ask for some information about you, including your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Address
- A payment card (to check billing)
- Proof of address

We ask this so we can:

- Get the right mix of different people taking the vaccine
- Confirm identity
- Confirm **ownership** of address

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If you are not in one of the priority groups, and are not expecting contact regarding the vaccine, **report these messages to Action Fraud.**

At this time only selected health centers are providing the vaccine, so it may not be your usual GP Surgery. Be prepared to check them out by other trusted means if necessary



If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on 101  
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

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ALWAYS CALL 999