



Scrutiny Review Fraud Awareness

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- 44 Million cases of fraud in the UK
- 27% increase on last year
- Cost to UK economy: £130 Billion every year
- Covid Pandemic has resulted in increased victims

Eye watering figures...but what does this mean to a resident in Stockton?



How do Criminals Target us?

- Stealing personal information
- Cyber attacks on public bodies www.haveibeenpwned.com
- Social media posts
- Emerging trends
- Persistent targeting



Types of Fraud

- Cyber enabled Fraud
- Door Step Crime
- Mail enabled Fraud
- Telephone enabled Fraud



Common Myths Surrounding Fraud

- Only old people fall victim to fraud.
- Only greedy or stupid people get caught out.
- Only vulnerable people are targeted.
- It will never happen to me.



Fraud...the personal cost

- Financial loss.
- Loss of confidence.
- Loss of trust.
- Fear of confiding in family or friends.
- Increased isolation.
- Fear of revictimisation.



VCAS Response

- Referral process...early intervention essential.
- Personalised service.
- Partnership response.
- Friends Against Scams presentations.
- Peer Support.
- Taking the message into the community.
- Detection is difficult but prevention is simple.



Call Blocker Initiative

- 85 devices in operation across Cleveland.
- 2,300 'bandit' calls blocked per month.
- Identified criminal calls from around the globe.
- Reduced calls.
- Increased confidence.
- Reduced feeling of isolation.

Thank you for listening

Any Questions?

