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**Dear All**

As we pause to enjoy the Christmas festivities and hurtle closer to the end of another year, Margaret and I would like to thank you all for your support and commitment to NW during 2016, and we wish every one of you a happy, crime-free Christmas and New Year. In 2017, we shall endeavour to raise the profile of cyber-crime and scams. Margaret's close partnership with the constabulary has enabled her to look into more efficient ways for the public to report and help prevent this escalating problem. We look forward to sharing this information with you and beating the fraudsters and scammers!

[1728264 - Top 5 Tips for a Safer Christmas.pdf](#)

**Message from Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner**

Please find attached an email containing the PCC's first monthly newsletter.

**Good news from across The Constabulary!**

As part of Hampshire Constabulary's zero-tolerance approach to the supply of illegal drugs, thirteen warrants and five searches with consent have been carried out at addresses in Gosport, Fareham, and Portsmouth this week. Thirteen of the addresses searched were in Gosport as part of ongoing efforts to disrupt organised crime gangs from elsewhere in the UK, who are thought to be supplying drugs in the town. A further four addresses were searched in Portsmouth and one in Fareham on Tuesday, December 13.

Officers from the Serious and Organised Crime Unit led the activity and were supported by the local Neighbourhood Policing Teams, which have subsequently been providing re-assurance to neighbours and other people affected.

Officers seized suspected Class A drugs, mainly cocaine, with an estimated street value of £2,300 and £700 in cash.

Nine people were arrested on suspicion of offences including possession with intent to supply Class A drugs and Conspiracy to supply Class A drugs. They have all been bailed until March 6, 2017, pending further enquiries.

## **Vulnerable Victims of Fraud**

Please find below, links to two videos courtesy of one of the many Fraud Investigation Teams across the Force. Please share them as widely as possible so that people can become more aware of the scammers out there and be less likely to fall victim. There is also a useful link to the Take Five to Stop Fraud campaign;

<https://vimeo.com/147449406>

<https://vimeo.com/147353455>

<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

## **Update from HINWA**

Please find attached the minutes from our last HINWA meeting in Winchester.

We had a presentation from Sarah Badham – a Crime Prevention Advisor for the police, who specialises in cybercrime.

This following link is part of the many messages available to help us understand the type of crimes the police have to deal with

Please share it with your NW groups

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/news-and-appeals/campaigns/sexortion/>

We are told that we can protect ourselves from most cybercrime ( on-line crime) by taking more precautions – such as using ‘strong’ passwords - or not opening unrecognised links on e-mails.

We urge you to look at [www.getsafeonline.org.uk](http://www.getsafeonline.org.uk) – there is a load of simple guides for you - for example...

Passwords: [www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-your-computer/passwords/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-your-computer/passwords/)

Mobile banking: [www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/mobile-banking/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/mobile-banking/)

What are the children looking at: [www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/is-your-child-using-these-apps/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/is-your-child-using-these-apps/)

On line shopping tips : [www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/shopping1/](http://www.getsafeonline.org/shopping-banking/shopping1/)

Best wishes for a happy and safe Christmas

Kind regards, Bob Combes

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## **Speeding Scam**

Please see the attached article from the Manchester Evening News. Greater Manchester Police has issued a warning over a new fraudulent 'speeding fine' email phishing scam. A resident in the WEHWN area has received the same thing. Please share and remain vigilant!

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/police-issue-warning-over-new-12283129>

## **Fake Bank Letters**

**Lloyds customers should be on the lookout for a new sophisticated fraud that involves fraudsters sending fake bank letters.**

The convincing letters being sent are a replica template from Lloyds and include their logo, address and signature from a customer service representative.

The letter tells recipients that there have been some “unusual transactions” on their personal account and asks them to call a number highlighted in bold to confirm they are genuine.

When victims call the number, an automated welcome message is played and the caller is asked to enter their card number, account number and sort code followed by their date of birth. Victims are then instructed to enter the first and last digit of their security number. The fraud was spotted by the Daily Telegraph who was alerted to it by a reader who had three identical letters sent to an office address. On separate occasions the Daily Telegraph ran some tests using fake details and were passed to fraudsters who claimed to be from a Lloyds contact centre. The bank has confirmed that the phone number and letters are fake.

The letters are essentially a sophisticated phishing attempt and serve as a warning to consumers to question written correspondence from their banks.

If you are ever suspicious about correspondence from your bank you should call the customer service number on the back of their card.

To report a fraud and cyber-crime, call us on 0300 123 2040 or visit [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud)

## **HINWA Youth News – December Edition**

Please find here the link to our latest edition of Youth News for Young People age 11-17years: [http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/asset/13e66eb4-cb0c-4d68-8d68-e406bb3a41aD/Youth\\_Newsletter\\_DEC2016.pdf](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/internet/asset/13e66eb4-cb0c-4d68-8d68-e406bb3a41aD/Youth_Newsletter_DEC2016.pdf)

I apologise for the delay in getting this out to you in good time, we experienced some technical issues with accessibility – appreciating it is quite close to Christmas and the end of term, we would be hugely grateful if **where you can**, you forward Youth News on to your pupils, students or networks of young people as the content is very valuable to informing and protecting young people:

- Buying goods online, given many young people now prefer shopping this way to benefit from ‘cheaper’ items!!
- Implications of ‘sexting’ given as our recent survey showed a significant amount of young people do not know the risks or what to do if they were affected by sending a nude image.
- Opportunity for Young People to consult on our Youth Charter and other issues affecting them.

On behalf of the strategic partnership team, we wish you a very **‘Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year’**; and as always, we thank you for your support and commitment to working with Hampshire Constabulary to keep children and young people safe and informed.

Best wishes, Maria

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Kind regards and merry Christmas,

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