

Phishing Scams

COVID-19



PHISHING ATTACKS

Cybercriminals are exploiting the public anxiety and interest in the pandemic in order to conduct phishing attacks. Generally these are emails containing links to malicious sites, malicious files and malicious attachments.



DESIGNED TO CONVINC

These emails attempt to trick users into doing the wrong thing such as:

- clicking a link to a malicious website
- opening a malware infected attachment
- disclosing user IDs and passwords
- making financial transactions



BE VIGILANT

Be suspicious of:

- any unusual request from a known contact
- a request that is different from normal practice
- being pressured to take action quickly
- badly worded and poorly constructed emails
- hyperlinks that do not match the context of the email
- requests to provide, input or verify login details

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PASSWORDS

Never disclose personal or work related passwords to anyone including NHS Highland colleagues and IT support staff.



REPORT IT

Phishing emails can be very convincing and it is easy to be fooled. If this happens do not be worried about reporting it. The sooner we know, the sooner we can take action.



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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further support contact the Information Assurance & IT Security team by emailing high-uhb.informationsecurity@nhs.net

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