

# **CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS**

## **COMMUNITY ALERT**

### **COVID-19 Fraud**

During the COVID-19 pandemic there has been a marked increase in online scams.

The **National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)**, part of GCHQ, have launched the new Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS).

If you receive an email that you think is suspicious, you can simply forward it to the NCSC at [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and their automated programme will immediately test the validity of the site.

Any sites found to be phishing scams will be removed immediately.

This is a very simple way to alert authorities to phishing scams.

**Please remember to report to Action Fraud  
0300 123 2040 or Citizens Advice  
Consumer Helpline 0808 223 1133 if you  
have actually been the victim of a scam.**