

Intelligence Alert

GPMS: OFFICIAL OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE

PPE Supplier Fraud

A member organisation has shared a potential fraud targeting local authorities and seeking to enter a procurement agreement for much needed PPE supplies. As availability of appropriate PPE remains uncertain, the suspected fraudster impresses urgency by limiting the period of the deal, offers incentives of delivery within 10 days and a potential price review in order to remain competitive. An introductory e-mail including a brochure, price list and displaying several recognised endorsements is also provided to secure orders.

From: Edel Andersen <edel@aphmedical.uk>
Sent: 28 April 2020 14:31
To: Procurement <Procurement@[REDACTED].gov.uk>
Subject: PPE Supplies - as of 28th April 2020

Dear Local Authority,

Hope all is well?

Please find attached our updated price book and PPE supplies PDF catalogue as of 28th April 2020.

If there is any additional information required, please do not hesitate to contact.

As we are revising our pricing in line with global price changes, we shall be issuing updates on Tuesdays and Fridays.

We are trying our utmost to remain competitive, if we are more expensive on any of our products, we would like to hear from you with these with suggestions of where we need to be.

Any questions/ queries please do not hesitate to contact.

Thanks and Regards,

Edel Andersen
Business Development

M: +44 (0) 1332 404399
E: edel@aphmedical.uk
W: www.aphmedical.in

In Partnership with


- Image of Brochure attachment



- Image of Price list attachment



The member organisation noted the poor quality of the brochure; e-mail addresses ending only in .uk or gmail.com; company address in India and were dubious of the quick turnaround. In addition, further investigation with Public Health England confirmed their suspicions regarding the endorsements, as the response stated:

“PHE doesn’t endorse PPE suppliers so I would be very wary of any supplier claiming this.” Incident Lead, Public Health England NW

Fraudsters are illegally obtaining public funds by taking advantage of existing and emerging needs, as we respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Please ensure procurement teams remain vigilant and carry out all necessary checks to confirm the legitimacy of new suppliers.

NAFN Alerts are written solely to provide members and selected third parties with information on current issues. NAFN makes no representation that the contents of any alerts are accurate, or that legal or other guidance contained in the alert is correct. Businesses named in the alerts should not be blacklisted as a result. Members should seek their own legal, or other advice, as appropriate in relation to any matters contained in a alert and NAFN accepts no responsibility in the event that any person incurs claims, or liabilities, or sustains loss, or damage as a result of their having relied on anything contained in an intelligence alert.

If you would like to report any instances of the above information being used in similar fraud attempts please email them to intel@nafn.gov.uk and the details will be forwarded to the relevant teams.

Alerts provides information about fraud, risks and trends which may affect members; your contributions are vital – please email them to NAFN. Where appropriate please include handling restrictions.

Evaluation		
Source Evaluation	1	Reliable
Intelligence Evaluation	A	Known directly
Handling Code	P	Lawful sharing permitted.

National Intelligence Model Level	2: Cross border More than 1 LA member affected
--	---

Handling Conditions	Can be shared outside of the member organisation.
----------------------------	---

NAFN Alerts are written solely to provide members and selected third parties with information on current issues. NAFN makes no representation that the contents of any alerts are accurate, or that legal or other guidance contained in the alert is correct. Businesses named in the alerts should not be blacklisted as a result. Members should seek their own legal, or other advice, as appropriate in relation to any matters contained in a alert and NAFN accepts no responsibility in the event that any person incurs claims, or liabilities, or sustains loss, or damage as a result of their having relied on anything contained in an intelligence alert.