

FRAUD AWARENESS & TRAINING IN LINCS POLICE

Police Officers

During their initial training, new recruits receive;

- A half day training input from Learning & Development on fraud legislation
- They are required to complete two NCALT packages – Action Fraud 1st Contact & Action Fraud Recording and Investigating Fraud
- A 1.5hr presentation / input from the ECU to cover Financial investigation and a brief overview of POCA (confiscation, cash seizure and Money Laundering)
- One member of each intake is required to attend a placement with local Trading Standards, after which they then give a presentation to the rest of that intake on “Scam” type offences.

Trainee Detectives on the ICIDP course receive:

- A refresher 1.5hr presentation / input from the ECU to cover Financial investigation and a brief overview of POCA (confiscation, cash seizure and Money Laundering)

PCSO's

During their initial training, new recruits receive;

- An presentation / input from FIB re Op Liberal re rogue trader / scam type fraud
- They are required to complete two NCALT packages – Action Fraud 1st Contact & Action Fraud Recording and Investigating Fraud
- A 1.5hr presentation / input from the ECU to cover Financial investigation and a brief overview of POCA (confiscation, cash seizure and Money Laundering)
- An input / presentation from Trading Standards on “Scam” type offences.

Economic crime Unit

Four members of staff within the ECU have undertaken Fraud training courses since the introduction of the Fraud Act. A bid will be made for funding for further training (COLP Fraud Courses / Fraud Manager Courses) in the next financial year.

Regarding continuation / refresher training, the ECU are currently developing a number of initiatives, articles and products for dissemination to staff on the back of the introduction of The Banking Protocol (go live date 6th Nov 17), and Op Signature (safeguarding initiative regarding vulnerable victims of crime).

This will include ;

Articles to be included on weekly orders

Articles to appear on the intranet home page

Updated ECU intranet page with sections relating to ;

- The Action Fraud process inc expectations regarding Calls for Service police reporting
- Fraud Offences
- Investigation tools / methods and SPOC details
- Pro forma templates for investigation orders and Know Fraud intel checks with NFIB
- An amended link from the Intranet homepage to a safeguarding page which will have updated hyperlinks to many of the same items held on the ECU Intranet page.

These are expected to be rolled out from late Oct onwards.

The ECU are currently undertaking a series of Fraud Clinics being held at divisional CID to provide assistance and advice regarding those complex fraud enquiries currently being investigated and to provide SPOC details for future enquiries.

The recent introduction of a second Detective Sergeant in ECU provides the force with capacity to examine all reported frauds and provide investigative guidance or make appropriate Op Revive referrals.