



To whom this may concern,

On 7th September 2026, City of London Police are working with police forces across the UK to launch a national campaign raising awareness of frauds perpetrated through Abuse of Position.

As part of this campaign, we are writing to organisations within certain key sectors and asking them to support our work on protecting communities against fraud.

What is fraud by Abuse of Position?

Fraud by Abuse of Position is perpetrated by people who are placed in a position of trust or authority – such as a family member or someone acting in a professional capacity, like a nurse or carer – who intentionally abuses their role to make a personal gain or cause a financial loss to someone else.

Some common examples of fraud by Abuse of Position reported to the police include:

- Family members who, without lawful authority, are spending money belonging to someone elderly or vulnerable they were trusted to care for.
- Nurses or carers who financially exploit someone in their care, for example by spending their money without permission or pressuring them to change a will or property ownership.

In addition to the financial harm inflicted on victims, this type of fraud also results in lasting emotional and psychological harm as the crime is perpetrated by someone the victim trusted to look after them.



How your organisation can help protect communities against fraud

Most Abuse of Position reports made to the police are from family members of elderly or vulnerable people who rely on others to care for them and manage their day-to-day finances.

As a result, we are encouraging organisations like yours to **share the following guidance with the family members of your patients and service users.**

- **Reviewing financial statements:** review their financial statements with them on a regular basis to identify any unauthorised transactions. If they notice something that's of concern, help them contact their bank as soon as possible.
- **Watch for warning signs:** speak with them about any unpaid bills, missing possessions, sudden changes to a will or account. These could be a sign of financial abuse.
- **Act quickly if something feels wrong:** if you suspect abuse, speak to the person privately if safe to do so. You can also raise a safeguarding concern with the local authority's adult social care team. If a solicitor or deputy may be misusing their role, concerns can also be reported to the Office of the Public Guardian.

We encourage you to share this information with any staff that engage with the family members or relatives of anyone receiving your organisation's services.

Thank you for your support.

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