

Be Aware: Primary Schools targeted for false High Court Writ payments

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Cifas has received intelligence the primary schools may be targeted by threat actors claiming there was a High Court Writ against the head teacher for something that supposedly the school has stopped paying years ago.

They demanded that £3000 be paid over the phone in order to stopped enforcement officer coming into the premises. It is noted the threat actor spoke quickly using legal terms and became aggravated with the recipient in an attempt to apply pressure.

If you believe you have received this call it is advised to not engage in the conversation and ask for the information to be emailed. Do not disclose any personal or financial details over the phone or make any payments. Receivers should also report to Action Fraud.

Cifas would like to hear if organisations have identified any further variations to this MO and/or any useful identifiers that can be shared with other members and partners.

Additionally, if you have any intelligence that you wish to share in relation to the above, please send through to the secure email intel@cifas.org.uk.

This alert should be shared with any schools within your local authority.