**Police Spam Email**

There is email in circulation that appears to have been sent from a legitimate Lancashire Constabulary email address. The email appears to come from ‘Lyn Whitehead’ and is asking the recipient to pay an invoice that is attached to the email.

The email has not been generated from inside the Constabulary or by the Constabulary. This email has not been sent from Lancashire Constabulary. A third party supplier to the Constabulary has had their data breached, as a result of the breach this Lancashire Constabulary email address has been spoofed and used to generate spam to recipients far and wide.

This type of email is commonly referred to as spam, and if you have received it you MUST NOT open it. Instead delete it from your email system to avoid infecting your device.

**Protect Yourself:**
- Do not click or open unfamiliar links in emails or on websites
- Make sure you install and use up-to-date anti-virus software
- Have a pop-up blocker running in the background of your web browser
- If you have opened the attachment and ‘enabled macros’ it is very likely that all your personal data will have been breached. You MUST change all your passwords for personal accounts, including your bank accounts. If you believe you have become a victim of this get your device checked over by a professional.

If you believe you have become a victim of this get your device checked over by a professional and make a report to Action Fraud, the UK’s national fraud and cyber crime reporting centre: [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/)

If you do make a report please provide as much detail as you can about the email and any effects it has had on your computer. Additionally if your Anti-Virus software detects any issues in relation to this email please provide us with the details.

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