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# WEEKLY DIGEST

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**MONDAY MORNING "TO DO LIST" : REGISTER FOR MFF MASTER CLASS**

Registration for our next master class is now open [here](#)

**Public Sector and Healthcare Fraud**

**Wednesday 14th September**

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Latest NFIB **ALERTS**

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We have also created a page for Infographic files and urban myths on our Fraud Prevention pages [click here](#) and please share these materials to spread the prevention messages

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Please find below a summary of items posted to our web pages this week. You can access all of these by logging onto our website [www.midlandsfraudforum.co.uk](http://www.midlandsfraudforum.co.uk) or click on the blue links



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1 [Bribery and Corruption](#) >

**Bribery: Bribery risk to small firms as exports rise**

Experts say that the Serious Fraud Office investigation into Airbus over its use of third parties to broker foreign sales has highlighted the risks of doing business in emerging markets.

## **Competition: CMA refers cashpoint merger for in-depth investigation**

The Competition and Markets Authority refers the merger for an in-depth investigation unless Diebold offered acceptable undertakings to address the CMA's competition concerns about the supply of customer-operated ATMs in the UK

## **2 [Charities](#) >**

### **Charity Fraud : Former charity finance manager jailed for£800k fraud**

A finance officer at a university students union has been sentenced to five years in prison for defrauding it of more than £800,000, which the union says has had a "substantial" impact on its finances.

## **3 [Counterfeit and Forgery](#)>**

### **Counterfeit : Shopkeeper caught with Newcastle's biggest ever haul of illegal tobacco**

Counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco packets without health warning were found in a car outside to Marwain MiniMarket in Elswick

## **4 [Counter-fraud](#) >**

### **Controls and Procedures : Five business travel fraud schemes tech is dismantling**

New advancements in travel expense management technology combined with proper internal controls can help businesses reduce fraud and control their travel costs.

### **Vetting: Man given jail time for lying in job interview**

A job interview has resulted in a jail sentence for a man who lied to his potential employers.

## **5 [Crime and Policing](#)>**

### **NCA: NCA publishes latest analysis of UK crime threats**

The National Crime Agency has published its third annual public-facing analysis of the serious and organised crime threats affecting the UK.

### **SFO: Control Liability – Is it a good idea and does it work in practice?**

In England and Wales a version of it has been used as a way of attributing criminal liability to corporates in bribery cases and, shortly, in cases involving the facilitation of tax evasion through the actions of those associated with it.

### **SFO: Charges in Tesco investigation**

The SFO charged three individuals, Carl Rogberg, Christopher Bush, and John Scouler, with one count of Fraud by Abuse of Position, contrary to section 1 and 4 of the Fraud Act 2006 and one count of False Accounting contrary to s17 Theft Act 1968.

## **6 [Cybercrime](#) >**

### **Cybercrime: Podcast - Today's Fraud Trends, From the Dark Web to 'Pokemon Go'**

Today's cybercriminals have more resources than ever before, both to facilitate and commit

fraud and also to conceal their nefarious activities.

### **Cybercrime: Don't let the fraudsters win the cyber crime war**

A cyber-crime wave is engulfing UK companies, costing billions of pounds and calling for urgent counter measures

### **CyberSecurity : Crest report outlines ways to address cyber security gender gap**

Report on the causes and potential remedies for addressing the gender gap in cyber security is aimed at stimulating debate and co-operation in the industry

### **CyberSecurity : Expanded Security Serious Week returns in October**

The 2016 Security Serious Week aimed at helping organisations become more security-savvy will coincide with the start of European Cyber Security Awareness Month in October.

### **CyberThreats : Swift warns banks of fresh wave of cyber heists**

An undisclosed number of banks have been targeted and some have lost money in a new wave of cyber thefts, Swift has warned

### **Malware: The Devil's Right Hand - An Investigation on Malware-oriented Obfuscation Techniques**

Download this article in the Royal Holloway Security Series evaluating the role that obfuscation techniques play in malware and the importance of understanding their effectiveness.

### **Phishing: Fake phishing email claiming to be from the City of London Police**

A phishing email is being circulated by fraudsters who are claiming to be from the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau and in some versions the 'Fraud Intelligence Unit'

## **7 [Data](#) >**

### **Data Breach : Fines for data breaches - security is key**

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) has again issued a significant fine for breach of the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) following the loss of a portable device.

## **8 [Financial](#) >**

### **Banking and Finance : Hope for bank fraud victims: 'We were robbed of £47,000 – but the ombudsman took our side'**

In what could be a breakthrough ruling for victims of banking fraud, the financial ombudsman is to order a high street bank to repay an elderly couple who lost tens of thousands of pounds in a conveyancing scam.

### **Banking and Finance : OAP denies £1 million fraud and theft**

A 76-year-old tax consultant has denied committing a series of theft and fraud offences amounting to more than £1 million, some allegedly dating back to 1994, while working as a financial adviser.

## **9 [Frauds](#) >**

### **Credit Card Fraud : Tap-and-go fraud warning - Cards can be used AFTER you cancel them**

Contactless cardholders who cancel their cards after having them stolen are still at risk of fraud, it has emerged, as the process does not always stop them being used by thieves in shops.

### **Food Fraud : One in every five fish we eat is a fraud**

A new report by environmental non-profit group Oceana has found that about one in five fish purchased in retail and restaurants is mislabelled, and in many cases the lie was intentional.

### **Identity Fraud : The fraudster is calling... Why aren't consumers picking up on it?**

According to a new report from fraud protection and authentication company Pindrop, 87% of consumers are aware of the threat of phone fraud but are failing to take the most basic steps to protect their identity and their finances from savvy fraudsters.

### **Insurance Fraud : Milton Keynes man guilty of fraud after claiming £7,500 for loss of earnings when he was unemployed**

The conviction came about after Self submitted a fraudulent loss of income insurance claim for £7,250 following a car crash, when he was actually unemployed at the time.

### **Insurance Fraud : Leicester man sentenced and ordered to pay back £56k from home insurance fraud**

The case was flagged to detectives from the City of London Police's Insurance Fraud Enforcement Department (IFED), after it emerged that the flood damage he was claiming for actually occurred the day before he took out the policy.

### **Travel Fraud : Trading standards Hajj fraud warning to Muslims in Coventry and Warwickshire**

Only three per cent of fraud victims report the fake pilgrimage packages to the police

## **10 [HMRC](#) >**

### **Tax : Rhyl woman sentenced over £47,000 tax credit fraud**

A woman fraudulently claimed £47,500 in tax credits after failing to tell the authorities she was living with her police officer partner.

### **VAT : PM and the Skyfall car dealer jailed for £86,000 fraud**

Car dealer Charles Mogford, who lives in the Prime Minister's Maidenhead constituency, was sentenced to two years in prison for an £86,000 VAT scam.

## **11 [Law and the Justice System](#) >**

### **Law Commission : Misconduct in Public Office**

The Law Commission published a consultation paper on 5 September 2016, following an initial consultation earlier in the year. The current consultation runs until 28 November 2016.

## **12 [Legal Services](#)>**

### **Law Society : Law Society goes to war on SRA code of conduct reform**

The Law Society has issued a damning critique of the Solicitors Regulation Authority's (SRA) proposals for a streamlined code of conduct and – to a lesser extent – its planned overhaul of the accounts rules.

### 13 [Private Sector](#)>

#### **Business :Three charged over Tesco accounts fraud**

Three former Tesco executives have been charged as part of a continuing investigation into accounting irregularities at the supermarket giant in 2014.

#### **Employment: Recruiters think more should be done to highlight job scams**

Eight in 10 recruiters think not enough is being done to make jobseekers aware of the signs of job scams, according to research from independent job site CV-Library.

### 14 [Public Sector](#)>

#### **Armed Forces : Royal Marine pleads not guilty to drug and fraud charges**

Ciaran Maxwell denies charges as he appears at Westminster magistrates court accused of Northern Ireland-related terrorism offences

#### **Education: NAO apprenticeship report warns of history repeating itself over fraud**

The apprenticeship reform programme risks repeating the fraud that plagued Individual Learning Accounts without more robust risk planning, the National Audit Office (NAO) has warned.

#### **NHS: NHS Digital to expand cyber security service**

NHS Digital's cyber security arm, CareCert, has developed an e-learning portal, a support service and a security assessment service

#### **Political Parties : UKIP fraud scandal**

Expelled UKIP aide admits expenses fraud after being caught out by Sun investigation

#### **Political Parties : UKIP activist Christine Hewitt admits restaurant expense fraud**

A former UKIP MEP's chief of staff has been given a suspended jail term after asking a restaurant to amend a £900 bill to more than £3,000 for a fraudulent expense claim.

### 15 [Research, Survey and Statistics](#)>

Nothing new to add this week

### 16 [Scams](#) >

#### **Awareness: CEO fraud - How to stay protected against this modern day deception**

CEO fraud, a modern take on deception specifically designed to trick you into doing something that you think you have permission to do but the real CEO did not action.

#### **Social Media : Warnings About New Social Media Fraud Scam**

Public Protection Service is urging members of the public and groups and organisations that work with young people to be aware of the scam, where fraudsters are using social media websites to encourage young people to invest in binary options.



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### **NCA: National Strategic Assessment of Serious and Organised Crime 2016**



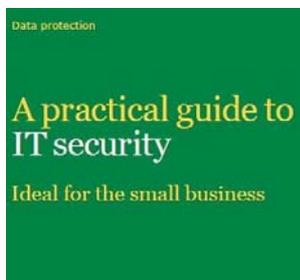
National Strategic Assessment  
of Serious and Organised  
Crime 2016

9th September 2016

The threat from serious and organised crime continues to evolve and has done so over the last year in ways that have attracted considerable and understandable public attention, particularly in relation to organised immigration crime, child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA), firearms, cybercrime and money laundering.

The National Strategic Assessment (NSA) provides a comprehensive picture of the risk posed to the UK and its interests by serious and organised crime.

### **ICO: A practical guide to IT security – Ideal for the small business**



Under the Data Protection Act, you have responsibilities to protect the personal information that you and your staff collect and use. This includes a requirement to have appropriate security to prevent it being accidentally or deliberately compromised. Breaches of data protection legislation could lead to your business incurring a fine – up to £500,000 in serious cases. The reputation of your business could also be damaged if inadequate security contributes to high profile incidents of data loss or theft. This guide gives advice for small businesses on how to keep IT systems safe and secure.

## [Sponsorship](#)

Our steering team have a great lineup of speakers for our **10th Annual Conference** to be held at Tally Ho, Birmingham on 23rd February 2017

Are you interested or do you know anyone who may wish to become a sponsor of MFF?

If you would like to know more about our sponsorship packages, please email us for details [info@midlandsfraudforum.co.uk](mailto:info@midlandsfraudforum.co.uk) or see our Sponsors page [here](#)

Please feel free to let your contacts know

## [Forthcoming Events:](#)

**Our next master class is on Wednesday 14th September hosted by Weightmans LLP, St Philips Point, Temple Row, Birmingham**

**The theme is 'Public Sector/Healthcare Fraud' presented by**

**Jim Gee, Visiting Professor, University of Portsmouth**

**Ann Brook, Birmingham City Business School**

**Chris Stephens HMRC Enforcement**

**Registration available [here](#)**

Reserve the dates - Our planning for the future master class programme is outlined below:

- **18 October (Birmingham) - Janice Goldstraw-White and Lorne Wiggin will return to share the results of their projects conducted in 2015.**
- **17 November (Birmingham) - Speakers t.b.a Hosted by St Philip's Chambers, Birmingham**
- **December (Birmingham) - This will be a debate on the "The Fraud Act 10 years on" with a cross-disciplinary panel.**
- **11 January (Nottingham) - "Insolvency" - hosted at Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Apex House, City Link, Nottingham**

Full details will be circulated prior to the individual events but please monitor our website for the latest on dates, venues etc.

<http://www.midlandsfraudforum.co.uk/masterclasses>

If you have suggestions for a master class or would wish to host please let us know

## Other events of interest

UNIVERSITY OF  
BIRMINGHAM



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of DERBY

Better  
Policing  
Collaborative

## Cybercrime Workshop: Police Knowledge Fund

**When:** Monday 19 September 2016 - 09:30 to 16:15

**Where:** Allan Walters Building, University of Birmingham

Free Event (booking via the weblink is required for catering purposes and venue space)

[Click here to view details](#)

The workshop is being provided by the Universities of Birmingham and Derby in collaboration with West Midlands Police, Warwickshire Police, and West Mercia Police as well as Blackstage Forensics Limited.

This cybercrime research stream is part of the Better Policing Collaborative (BPC), which is led by the University of Nottingham and involving 13 police force areas. The BPC is supported by the Police Knowledge Fund (PKF), an initiative sponsored by the College of Policing, Hefce and the Home Office <http://whatworks.college.police.uk/Partnerships/Knowledge-Fund/Pages/Police-Knowledge-Fund.aspx>. The purpose of the PKF is to develop education and research collaborations between police forces and academic institutions in England and Wales.



## ACFE UK Annual Conference 2016

**When** Thursday, September 22, 2016

**Where** Victory Services Club  
63-79 Seymour Street  
London W2 2HF

**Fees** ACFE Members £170.00 register before 31 July (£190.00 full price)  
Fraud Forum members are now offered the same price - see "Fees" [here](#)

If you wish to attend when registering, click on "Fraud Forum Member" to receive the same discount as ACFE members. Attending the conference can also earn 8 CPD hours.

Please note bookings for this conference cannot be made via Midlands Fraud Forum.

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