Further Gift Card Scams..

If you receive an unexpected message from a friend or colleague, asking you to assist them by purchasing Gift Cards or Vouchers, this is likely to be a ***Scam***!

Online criminals who gain unauthorised access to friends and family social media or email accounts, use this method to trick people into handing over Gift Card or Voucher codes.

They often pose as a known contact or public official such as a 'local Councillor', claiming that they have an issue purchasing the Gift Cards or Vouchers themselves (e.g. iTunes or Amazon Gift Cards…)

Suspect a scam…

- Always verify any details using your own trusted method to do this. 👍

For example, if you have received an email, Instant Message (IM) online or text message asking you for help, call and speak to them in person to double check.

Text messages and caller IDs can be faked using 'number spoofing' technology, and online accounts can be broken into without knowledge of the account owner.

Do not respond back using the same contact method. Use your own trusted route.

For further details of similar Gift Card scams, see the Action Fraud website:

https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news/stay-tuned-to-fraud-as-6-5m-is-lost-to-gift-card-fraud

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