

# CHAIN LETTER CON

Staffordshire County Council is reminding residents not to give their personal bank details to unknown sources. The reminder comes after a number of local residents have received a chain letter asking for assistance to illegally transfer funds from abroad.

The letter states millions of dollars have been found by US soldiers in Iraq and invites people to claim their share by forwarding their bank details to a company in Spain. The letter states that the recipient has the same surname as one of their clients who recently died with their entire family in Iraq. Recipients are told that if they forward their bank details they could receive over £7million.

This scam letter is similar to others that are circulating and attempts to gain personal information about bank details. Trading Standards Officers are reminding residents that if they give their bank details to an unknown source, they are giving people access to their bank account and money.

Do not believe claims that you will receive vast sums of money from sources you do not know and should not trust.

If you have concerns about claims made in mail you can contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506

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