

UKASH Loan Scam

Staffordshire Trading Standards are again warning residents of a scam circulating involving UKASH vouchers. Residents have been receiving cold calls from people claiming to represent a loan company.

The caller goes on to say that the resident will have no problem obtaining a Loan and in order to access the money they need to pay a fee upfront to purchase UKASH vouchers and transfer the money.

At Trading Standards we would advise that you:

- Don't transfer money to loan companies using money transfer services when applying for loans.
- Don't go ahead with a loan if a company approves it and then demands a fee before you get the money.
- Do be cautious if a loan company cold-calls you.
- Do some research about the business offering the loan – look for correct phone numbers and physical addresses and ask for information in writing.

If you have been a victim of this scam then you must act fast to block any payment by contacting UKASH on: **0808 234 6244**

If you have received any such calls then report it to action fraud on 0300 123 2040 or report it online at www.actionfraud.org.uk

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