

UK Scams & Social Engineering Weekly Briefing

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Critical Alert: World Cup 2026 Fraud Wave

8 active fraud networks targeting UK fans with fake tickets, visa phishing, and streaming scams. First 48-team World Cup across 3 countries creates unprecedented scam risks.

Key Statistics

- **UK fraud up 62%** year-on-year (Action Fraud data)
- **AI voice cloning scams** — 3 seconds of audio enough to clone any voice
- **£1.2B lost** to APP fraud in UK last year
- **Social engineering** remains #1 attack vector

Current Threats

- **HMRC Impersonation:** Calls demanding "back taxes" via gift cards
- **Banking Phishing:** Fake SMS claiming suspicious transactions
- **Delivery Scams:** Royal Mail and DPD parcel fee phishing
- **Investment Fraud:** Crypto and forex "guaranteed returns" schemes
- **Grandparent Scam:** Caller posing as family member needing urgent funds

Sources

CyberAware UK DarkWatch monitoring, Action Fraud, NCSC, BioCatch, Which?, UK Finance, and open source intelligence. Updated weekly.

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