

Subject: Re: PCC election 2016: Make fighting fraud a priority
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Date: 01/05/16 14:35
To: "pcc-campaign@ffauk.org.uk" <pcc-campaign@ffauk.org.uk>

Dear Mr Cregan,
Thank you for writing to me about financial fraud.

I agree that there is a serious problem to be addressed. In terms of your pledges, I can readily agree to the third one i.e. **"Support national fraud awareness-raising activities and campaigns."**

The other three require commitments on resources that I am not yet in a position to give. Merseyside Police has experienced severe reductions in government funding and that is set to continue. Short of actual resource reallocation, at this stage, I would look at your fourth pledge, i.e. **"Increase the number of fraud cases investigated and sent to the CPS for prosecution."** by finding out what barriers exist to investigation and prosecution of fraud and what I can do to remove them.

I have already responded to Cifas on fraud and cyber crime and I think here is some overlap between your concerns and theirs.

<https://coyne4pcc.wordpress.com/2016/04/21/fraud-and-cyber-crime/>

Yours sincerely,
John Coyne
Green Party candidate for Merseyside PCC

On 20/04/16 16:33, pcc-campaign@ffauk.org.uk wrote:

Dear PCC candidate,

Apologies if this is the second time you have received this.

[Financial Fraud Action UK](#) (FFA UK) is responsible for leading the collective fight against fraud in the UK payments industry. Its membership includes the major banks, credit, debit and charge card issuers, and card payment acquirers.

FFA UK is [asking](#) every candidate running in next month's police and crime commissioner elections to make tackling financial fraud and cybercrime a priority if they are elected.

Financial fraud in context

Hundreds of thousands of people become victims of fraud every year. The threat posed by deception scams, alongside the growth in sophisticated online attacks, is on the increase. The impact of fraud attacks on victims can be wide ranging, with psychological turmoil and emotional stress created in addition to any financial impact.

- It is estimated one in every ten people has fallen victim to financial fraud
- There were 1.5 million incidents of financial fraud in the UK in 2015
- Estimated losses to the UK economy from fraud, including financial fraud, exceed £50 billion per year
- The Financial Action Task Force found phone scams in the UK fund terrorism

Financial Fraud Action UK is calling on all Police and Crime Commissioner Candidates across England and Wales to commit to four pledges:

1. Make tackling financial fraud and cybercrime a priority for their Police and Crime Plan
2. Identify additional police resources to be focused on tackling fraud and cyber crime
3. Support national fraud awareness-raising activities and campaigns
4. Increase the number of fraud cases investigated and sent to the CPS for prosecution

Will you sign up to these pledges to protect local people from fraud?

Please let us know at PCC-campaign@FFAUK.org.uk

Kind regards,

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