

CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS COMMUNITY ALERT

Bogus Community Nurses

We have been made aware of two incidents in the Croydon area where service users have been targeted by **a man and woman posing as community nurses.**

The woman has appeared first and distracted the victims, the man has then pushed his way into the home.

This kind of offence usually leads to items being stolen, so please keep items such as wallets, purses and handbags hidden and out of sight.

If you are expecting your Community Nurse and someone you do not know appears at the door, please ask for ID and tell them you need time to check it.

If you are unsure, you can call **020 8274 6195**, and explain that you need to check the identification of the person who is at your door.

If possible, whenever someone knocks at your door, please use a chain, spy hole or window to check the identity of the person before you fully open your door.

Anyone who is genuine will not mind being asked, will happily show ID and wait whilst you check. If they do not show you or refuse, **DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR!**

Please keep an eye out for vulnerable neighbours, friends and family members.

The incidents have been reported to the police and are being investigated.

If you are a victim of this type of crime call police on 999.