

Alerts

Warning: Letter misusing the name of David Adams and Peter Clarke Solicitors LLP

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A letter has been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of David Adams and the details of Peter Clarke Solicitors LLP, regarding an 'unclaimed Payable on Death account'.

What is the scam?

A letter has been sent misusing the solicitor name David Adams and the details of Peter Clarke Solicitors LLP, regarding an 'unclaimed Payable on Death account' with a sum of 'eleven million five hundred pounds'.

The letter provides a telephone number of '+447879312799', a FAX number of '441389468095', a website at 'www.clarkellpuk.com', an email address of 'info@clarkellpuk.com' and an address at 63 Commercial Road, Totton, Southampton, SO403AH.

The letter purports to be sent from David Adams and requests contact via the following email addresses: 'davidadamsesq@gmail.com' and 'David@clarkellpuk.com'.

Any business or transaction through the telephone number '+447879312799', the FAX number '441389468095', the website 'www.clarkellpuk.com' or email addresses 'info@clarkellpuk.com' 'davidadamsesq@gmail.com' and 'David@clarkellpuk.com' are not undertaken by any individual or firm authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a firm called Peter Clarke Solicitors LLP (SRA number 574035). The firm's genuine telephone number is 02380 - 666636. The firm's FAX number is 02380 - 573939. The firm's genuine email domain is @peterclarkesolicitors.co.uk. The firm's head office address is 63 Commercial Road, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3AH, England.

Peter Clarke Solicitors LLP has confirmed that it has no connection to the above letter.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called David Adams who is a solicitor member of the genuine Peter Clarke Solicitors LLP. The SRA number for David Adams is 150446.

The genuine David Adams has confirmed he has no connection to the above letter.

What should I do?

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.