

Police warning against bank account scam

A woman has been scammed out of £80,000 following a scam call.

Police in Edinburgh are again warning the public to remain vigilant for an ongoing scam known as 'vishing' after another woman was targeted in the Capital. The 57-year-old received a call at her home in Cammo Hill at around 12.30pm on Thursday 11th September by someone claiming to be from her bank.

During the call, the victim was informed of suspected fraudulent activity on her account and was walked through a number of security steps before being asked to transfer money out of her existing account to a 'safe' account.

In addition, the woman was instructed to go into her branch and transfer more cash from her account.

As a result, almost £80,000 was stolen.

Detective Inspector Arron Clinkscles said: "Unfortunately, another person has fallen victim to this scam and it is essential that we reiterate our warning for people to be cautious if they are cold-called by anyone claiming to be from their bank.

"Neither the bank, nor the police will ever ask for your account details and we would urge the public never to give out any of this information if contacted.

"We are continuing to work alongside our colleagues in the banking sector to ensure customers are suitably warned about this type of fraudulent activity.

"If you ever have any concerns in relation to the authenticity of a caller then do not provide them with any of your personal information. Hang up and contact police immediately."

