

# Crime Prevention Advice

## Quishing – Phishing through the use of QR codes.

The Cyber Crime Centre is aware of 'Quishing' emails circulating within Northern Ireland. All organisations are encouraged to ensure staff are aware of what is a variation to the phishing email many may be familiar with.

### How it works

- Actors send phishing emails containing a pdf or png image of a QR code. This can reduce the possibility of the email being classed as phishing.
- URL redirects from legitimate online providers increase the likelihood of a recipient trusting the link displayed.
- The requirement to scan a QR code increases the likelihood of a recipient using a personal device outside of an organisations web or anti virus protection.
- As with other phishing campaigns, the recipient is taken to a URL which may be hosting malware or a credential harvesting "sign-in" page.

Organisations can obtain advice on safeguarding against phishing attacks at [www.ncsc.gov.uk/phishing](http://www.ncsc.gov.uk/phishing)  
Report Cyber Crime to Action Fraud 24/7 at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040



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