Land Registry





Registration fraud



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- -Why is HMLR concerned
- What is registration fraud
- What threats do we have
- Counter Fraud strategy at HMLR
- What are we doing to prevent fraud

Fraud – why are we concerned?



-Register integrity

-State Guarantee of Title

-Indemnity costs

-Protecting customers

-Stable economy

Fraud – why are we concerned?

-LR registers ownership of land and legal interests

- Freeholds and leaseholds
- Anything legally benefitting the land (e.g. right of way)
- Anything to which the property is subject (e.g. mortgage or restriction on use)

-24 million titles registered

-85% of land in England and Wales registered

What is registration fraud

Registration fraud occurs when –

- a fraudster attempts or succeeds in changing the register
- intends to make financial gain.
- Registered Mortgage fraud

Threats

–Organised crime





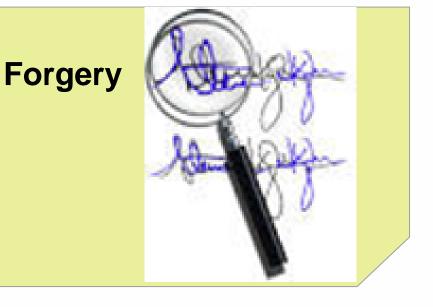
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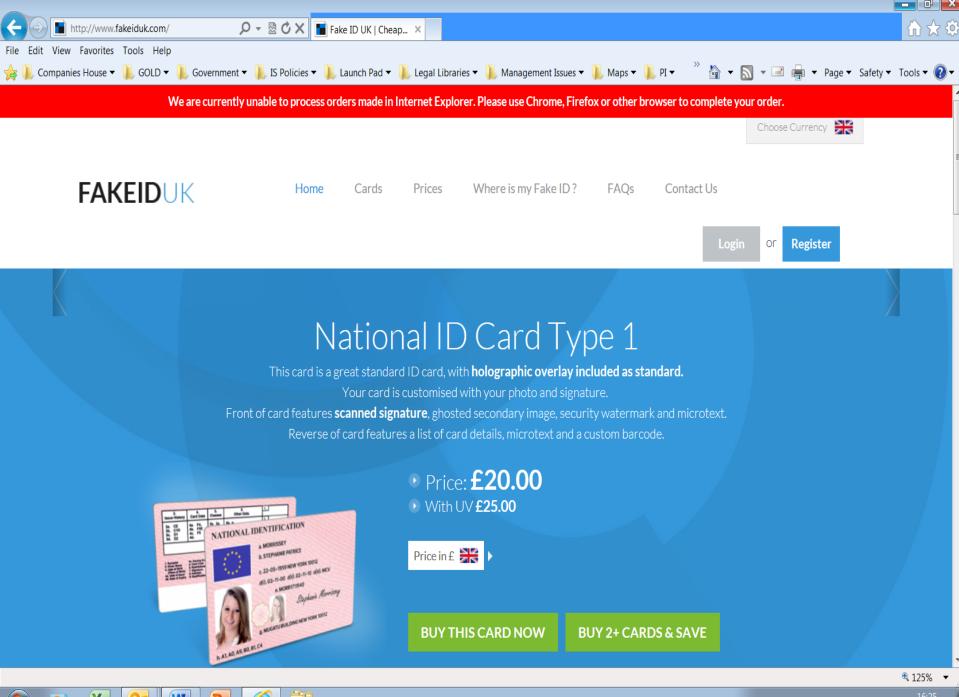
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Duped/complicit professionals

Impersonation and identity fraud

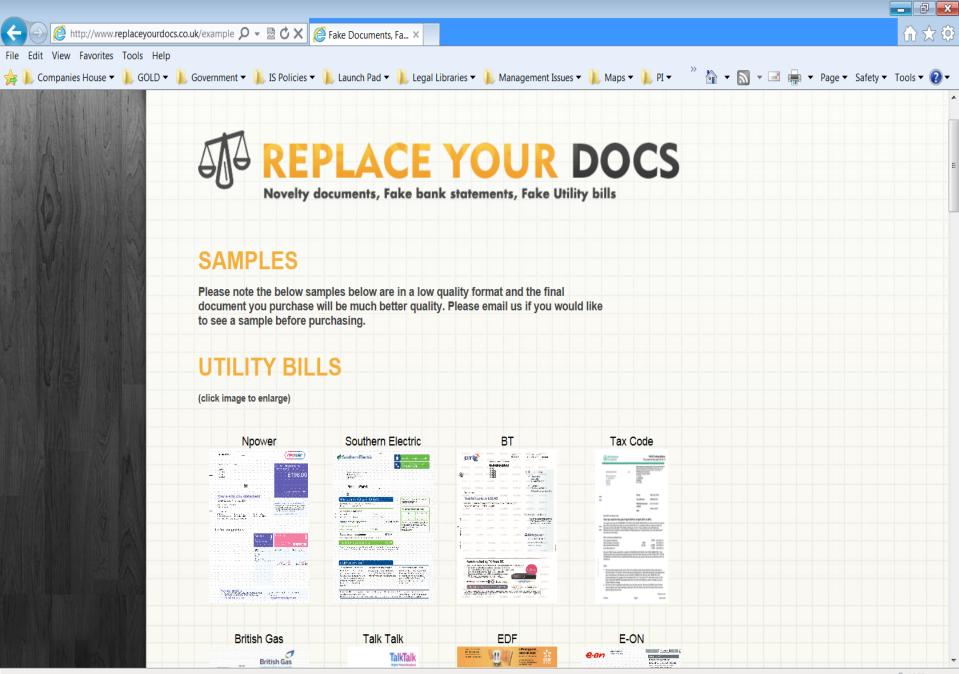






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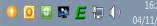
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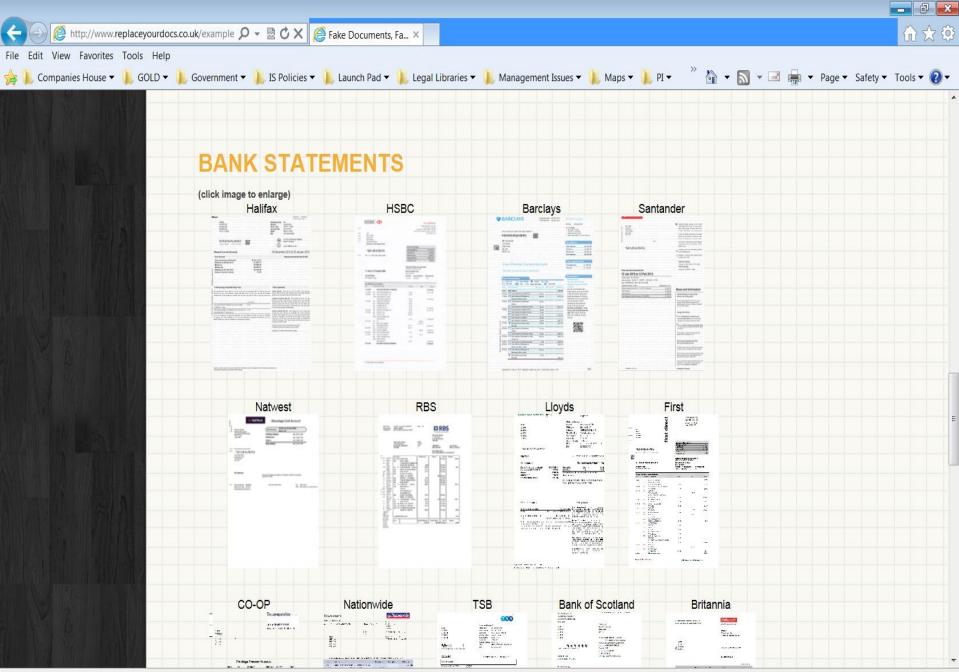
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Mortgage frauds – affecting HMLR

- Registered owners impersonated to get loan monies



–Lender's impersonated - i.e forged releases of mortgages

How are they doing it?

Empty or rented property frauds

Company impersonation

Who is particularly vulnerable?

-Property owners who are

- Absent; and/or
- Landlords (i.e. buy-to lets)

–Owners whose Notification information is not robust

- Not keeping the notice address up to date
- Only one notification address (3 permitted)
- Not using Property Alert

HMLR STRATEGY – THE 4 D'S





Deter	Reduce frauds coming in by not being an easy target
Defend	Implement robust fraud controls and defences
Detect	Fraudulent behaviour is detected
Demand	Recovery of fraud payments and learning from frauds

Voluntary registration

What are we doing about it?



-Counter Fraud products

- Property Alert,
- Form RQ and Form RQ Co
- Property Fraud line

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Staff awareness and training

-Fraud Impact Assessments

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Questions?

