

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails misusing the name of Clearwater Solicitors Limited**

10 October 2024

Emails have been sent misusing the name of Clearwater Solicitors Limited

#### **What is the scam?**

Emails have been sent to members of the public claiming to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (see below). The emails request funds to be paid.

The emails were sent from the following email address @clearwater-solicitors.co.uk.

Any business or transactions through @clearwater-solicitors.co.uk are not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Clearwater Solicitors Limited.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not have any genuine and intended connection to the email referred to in the above alert.

The genuine email domain of the firm is @clearwatersolicitor.co.uk.

#### **Update: 4 November 2024**

The SRA has seen further emails that have been sent to members of the public claiming to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (please see above).

The emails advise the recipients that correspondence has been attached for their attention and the link to open the document is found at the bottom of the email. The emails were sent from the email address 'patryk.wierzchon@clearwatersolicitor.co.uk'.

The genuine email domain of the firm is @clearwater-solicitors.co.uk. Any business or transactions through @clearwatersolicitor.co.uk are not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

The genuine firm Clearwater Solicitors Limited has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the emails referred to above.

## **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.