Beware of Loan Sharks

The <u>England Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT)</u> recognise that this period may be one of increased financial pressure for some people. The Team is fully committed to ensuring that illegal money lenders (loan sharks) do not take advantage and profit from other people's hardship.

The Stop Loan Sharks helpline service (0300 555 2222) remains open and fully operational during the COVID-19 pandemic. We encourage not only victims but friends, family members and the wider community to come forward if they suspect someone is suffering at the hands of a loan shark.

Please help us raise awareness of the dangers of loan sharks and signpost people to support services by sharing the items attached.

Wishing all our colleagues and partners safety and good health during these uncertain times.