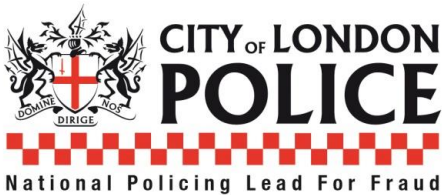


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This threat update will provide an overview of the trends affecting individuals and enterprise as reported to Action Fraud. This report incorporates an assessment of information received during the period of September 2018. We welcome your feedback so that we can shape future reports to your needs.

Cyber Crime

Ransomware

Ransomware accounted for just below 50% of all live cyber reports received by Action Fraud this month and the number of variants reported also increased.

Reports concerning DDoS also increased with reports of multiple DDoS attacks were received which were seemingly coordinated as they were targeting local councils, health care and law enforcement. Multiple councils across the country have reported both successful and unsuccessful DDoS attempts on their websites. The education sector also saw an increase in reporting during September.

Volume Crime

Online Shopping and Auctions

A network concerning online shopping and auction fraud was disseminated for enforcement. The victims, who are based nationwide, have come across the suspects when looking to purchase quad bikes / mopeds. Payments have been made by bank transfer into bank accounts but the bikes have never been received. The suspects appear to have adapted a number of aliases to attract victims and have created websites offering the non-existent products.

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