

Alerts

Warning: Unsolicited telephone call claiming to be from Solicitors Regulation Authority

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A member of the public has received an unsolicited telephone call from an individual purporting to be from Solicitors Regulation Authority.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that a member of the public received a telephone call from an individual called 'Joseph Allen' purporting to be from the 'Solicitors Regulation Authority' recommending a company called 'Harwood Advisory Group'.

The telephone call was made from the telephone number '01322902030'.

The Solicitors Regulation Authority does not have any connection to 'Harwood Advisory Group' or the telephone number '01322902030'.

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.