



**GMPA BOGUS CALLER NETWORK
EARLY WARNING MESSAGE**

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TIME & DATE OF MESSAGE	4 th April, 2008.	
WHO IS BEING TARGETED no names or personal details	Older people in Withington, Salford and possibly other areas of Greater Manchester	
WHEN DID IT HAPPEN	Through March	
WHERE DID IT HAPPEN	BOROUGH	AREA – not postcode
	Manchester	Withington / Salford
WHAT HAPPENED	GENERAL INFORMATION	OFFENDER/ VEHICLE DESCRIPTION (not reg number or business names)
	Cold call at the door from a man offering to service hoovers. He appears to be targetting older residents, and offers a service for £38, takes the Hoover away and brings it back in services and in some cases broken. He has left receipts, but no contact details except a mobile phone number which just goes to voicemail. Victims have been left worried that he will return.	White male, 5'9", short dark hair, about 40 years old, local accent, suit and overcoat. He carries a diary with lists of names and addresses of people on particular streets
ACTIONS REQUESTED	<p><u>PLEASE CIRCULATE THIS INFORMATION TO FRONTLINE STAFF & COMMUNITY GROUPS</u></p> <p>Please use your networks to remind people not to deal with cold callers offering such services. Please copy any similar complaints to me as well as to Trading Standards / police as appropriate.</p>	

The purpose of circulating this information is to ensure that network members, frontline staff and community groups are aware of possible doorstep crime activity.

If you, a member of staff or member of the public believe that a criminal offence has been committed please contact the police immediately

PLEASE REPORT ANY INFORMATION TO THE POLICE

Emergency: 999

Non Emergency: 0161 872 5050

**REMEMBER: LOCKED – STOP – CHAIN – CHECK
IF IN DOUBT – KEEP THEM OUT!!**