

The Isle of Wight Council's Trading Standards Service is warning Islanders about a scam involving payment protection insurance (PPI).

The service has been contacted by residents who have received international calls from a PPI recovery company, with the caller saying they have made a successful claim for around £2000.

In order to receive the money, they require a £200 fee which can be paid using UKash vouchers.

This is a scam and any residents receiving similar calls should never give out personal details and hang up the call before contacting Trading Standards.

Amanda Gregory, Isle of Wight Council regulatory services manager said: "One recent caller to trading standards reporting this scam was an elderly gentleman who lives in sheltered accommodation.

"They recognised the PPI call as a scam because the week before a trading standards officer had visited his accommodation and given a talk to residents on how to spot scams.

"This demonstrates the importance of proactive work in the community, which has helped someone avoid losing money who may have otherwise been tricked into sending cash to these scammers."

More information on the council's Trading Standards service can be found by logging on to [www.iwight.com/tradingstandards](http://www.iwight.com/tradingstandards) or by calling (01983) 823370.