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Air Ambulance Scam (5 July 2010)

Two men claiming to be off duty air ambulance workers called at an address in Benfleet on Monday 28 June. They wore tee shirts with air ambulance logos and had ID badges (although these weren't examined)

The resident was asked to make a £2 donation and to sign up for a direct debit for £8 per month. The resident declined to part with any money and the men left in a white van parked at the end of the road.

There was no collection licensed to be in the area and we have now heard back from both the Essex Air Ambulance and Children's Air Ambulance that these persons were not authorised collectors.

Any information as to the identity of the men should be reported to the police. Trading Standards strongly advise that residents should NOT sign up to direct debit agreements to cold callers