

Welcome to this survey conducted by Ipsos UK!

Ipsos UK is an **independent research company**. We have been asked by the UK Government to conduct some research to explore financial crime. Along with thousands of other people aged 18 or over, we are inviting you to tell us about your experiences, if any, of being involved in or affected by a type of financial crime known as 'money muling'. Money muling is when an individual moves the proceeds of crime through their financial accounts (e.g., bank accounts, crypto accounts) on behalf of criminals, sometimes in exchange for payment or other benefit. Some of these individuals move funds knowingly whereas others can be unaware that what they're doing is illegal, and some may feel they have no choice.

Please note that this survey is for those who are 18 years old or above only.

Because the survey is confidential, we won't know how you answer any question in this survey and won't follow up on anything you say. If you want to report a crime, please report to the police by calling 999 or 101 if not urgent. If you want help, please speak to one of the support agencies listed in the support leaflet that will be sent to you after you have completed this survey. You can also report crime anonymously to Crimestoppers using their [online form](#) or by calling them on 0800 555 111.

Are there any benefits to me taking part?

One of the best ways to understand people is to listen to them. On the following screens, you can tell us about your personal experiences and share your opinions. Don't think too much about the questions; just answer them spontaneously.

By taking part you will be helping with important research that aims to ensure the views of those involved in or affected by money muling are heard. The research will be used to help inform future interventions to support those affected by financial crime.

If you are eligible to take part in the survey, you will also be able to donate **£5 to a charity from a selection of choices** as a 'thank you' for taking part.

During the research we will ask about different online and offline activities, some of which are illegal or could be harmful. If you find that any of the questions upset you, we recommend you seek support. We will provide you with contact details for different services that could assist you. This can be found in the support leaflet.

We take our research responsibility seriously

We will ask to collect some personal data. Roots Research (Take Part in Research), the recruitment agency who will send you the link to the survey will collect your name and email address. This is only for the purposes of asking whether you would be happy to take part in further research. **Your name and email address will not be linked to any of your answers in the survey.** Your contact details will only be given to the research team at Ipsos UK if you agree to be re-contacted by them.

We guarantee the following:

- The information you give is anonymous. No-one will know what you have answered. It's impossible to identify you through your survey responses.
- Your participation in this survey is your own choice. You can refuse to take part in this survey or withdraw at any time without giving a reason.
 - If you withdraw after starting the survey, you can clear all of the answers that you have given and nothing will be saved. If you do not clear your answers, they will be stored on the survey database, but nobody will be able to identify you and they won't be used in the research.
 - You can choose not to answer a particular question and move on to the next question. Please just skip the question by pressing 'next'.
- You will not be shown explicit, sensitive or disturbing material. However, we will be asking questions about topics that people sometimes find difficult to think about such as being involved in a financial crime.
- The survey asks some personal questions including your nationality, health information, and whether you feel financially secure. This will be used in our analysis to help understand if different groups of people have different experiences.

For more information about the survey and your participation in it, you can contact UK-PA-Financial-Research@ipsos.com

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