

Private details on stolen computer

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A laptop containing the personal and financial information of dozens of Lincolnshire people has been stolen.

The computer was stolen from The Pensions Trust, which looks after pensions arrangements of many employees and pensioners.

Washingborough resident Neville Britton received a letter from The Pensions Trust telling him the laptop containing his name, age, address, National Insurance number, date of birth and the details of his nominees had been swiped.

Luckily, his bank details were not included as Mr Britton is not yet drawing his pension, but people who were would have had all the account details contained in the database.

The 64-year-old said: "I am always really careful about shredding everything that has so much as my address on it but all that has been undone now.

"The letter said the laptop was being used for training but if that was the case it shouldn't have had real details on it, all they needed to do was change some numbers about and it would have been fine.

"I would have been far more concerned if I had been drawing my pension because then all of my bank details would have been on too.

"They said they think the laptop was the target rather than the contents but they don't know that for sure."

The board of Leeds-based The Pensions Trust confirmed a laptop containing some confidential data of The Pensions Trust's was stolen from the office of their external software providers, NorthgateArinso in Peterborough but emphasised the data was password protected.

A helpline has been set up for anyone who thinks they might be affected. Call (0845) 1217799.

For more details on the theft, see Friday's Echo.



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