



# Phone Fraud Battlefield

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# Telephone fraud is up by 92%.



*Is this a real threat or just some marketing hype*

**Has Fraud changed?**

**Is Contact Centre an easy target?**

**Is Contact Centre a more valuable target?**

**Why is it  
important ?**

**Are we are just finding more?**



# Is it now an arms race?



Financial Fraud Action UK  
Working together to prevent fraud

It was recently announced that Phone Fraud is up by 92% this year. Research by the Financial Fraud Action UK (FFA UK) found that five million frauds occur every year across England and Wales, costing the UK around £24bn.

**June 2015 - Overall, more than 86.2 million calls per month in the U.S. are phone scams**

Pindrop



# Has Fraud changed?



## **Industrialisation of Fraud - Its now really Big Business**

Focus of industrial scale investment by Fraudsters to exploit opportunities for fast returns

**Increased attacks on *consumers & contact centre* focused on gaining information to create the financial crime**



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## \$35,000 a minute - USA

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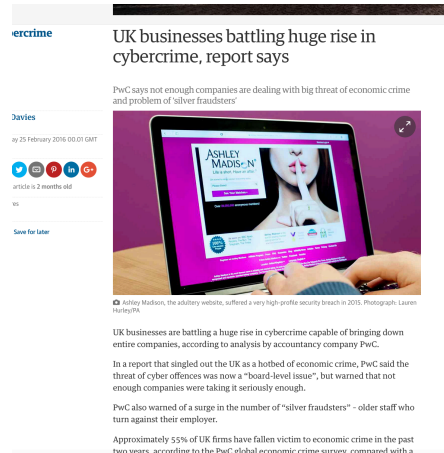
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Source: Javelin



# JAVELIN



# Definite Increases - across majority of studies across the world

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*“We know that it is a worsening problem as this year we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of reports about dodgy calls.*

*I think that they have found us to be vulnerable and now it’s like, there is a gang of them hanging around outside the virtual borders of our operation and our staff are developing a siege mentality. Its difficult because they are not stealing from us in the traditional sense but it is still making life more and more uncomfortable.”*

Contact Centre Director - Major Utility

# New Focuses

Increased attacks on *consumers* & *contact centre* focused on gaining information to create the financial crime

Increase in secondary attacks

Increase in value of data for attacks on KBA (knowledge-based authentication) protected funds



**As consumers have gone Omni-Channel so has Fraud**

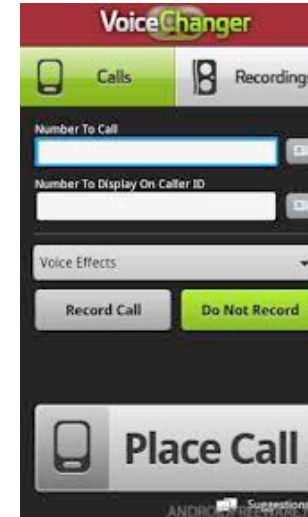
The inbound telephone channel is now becoming a focal point of attack for fraudsters

# New Tricks and Old ones

Increasing evidence of sophistication in technology

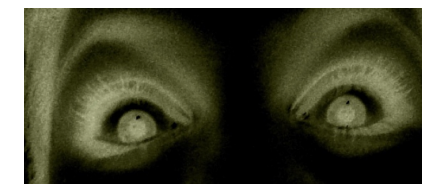
Masked phone calls routed through complex technology and international services

Masked voices through clever technology or cheap apps or old fashioned acting



Available in the app store

# Strategic advantage - Bad Guys



The agent is an obvious target

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*Who can spend more on a single attack?*



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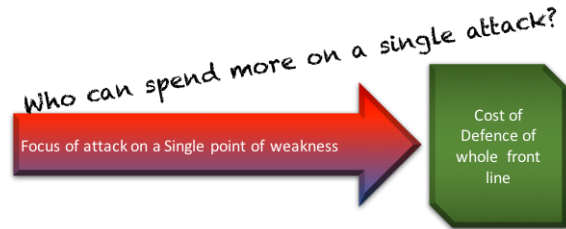
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**Every successful attack fuels the appetite for more and funds the next attack**

**Organisations failed to act quickly enough about Cyber Crime and *now are funding both sides of the war***

**Will we make the mistake of not investing quickly enough fuelling the pace of growth of KBA Intrusion**

**KBA Intrusion has a lower priority than actual financial attack and is not as noticeable and has less direct impact in the transactional sence**



# Improvements in Detection

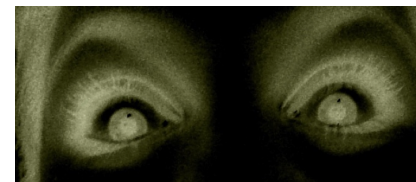
**Innovations in many connected fields are joining together**

Phoneprinting technology tests on the existing phone calls & data sometimes - 3 or 5 times the size of the problem they thought they had

Behavioral science analytics technology detecting patterns of Fraud improving

Other technologies such as Biometrics EMV etc. are all closing loopholes

*We are finding more of what has been going on*



# Is it now an arms race?

Improvements in detection on other channels may make them less attractive and *increase the appetite for phone attacks*

If CC Owners fail to act quickly it will be perceived as an easy target creating an incentive for phone fraud

Long Term Impact of failure to invest

More Battles with Fraudsters requiring More Investment over a long timescale – Everyone will have to invest but who ever invests more first leads the arms race and also if the white hats move quickly they may stifle the incentive to invest by criminals





# What is the CX Risk?

The agent is an obvious target

Constantly balancing between being helpful to deliver a great customer experience and following protocol and best practice agent behaviour can become predictable

Was it your agent that gave the last piece of information needed to commit a fraud?

How about angry Customers?



# Customers viewpoint

Phone Attacks will have much more significant impacts on Customer Experience than Cyber Fraud because *it happens to the Customer*

It also impacts how you treat your customer on the phone – their phone experience

KBA costs increase and must become less effective

Increased Fraud would mean increased overt security



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# Customers

**You are competing to be the source of info**

More sources of information

More up to date

More in-depth Information about your proposition

More information about you than your front line

Effective Language



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**For the first time in history**, consumers now have much better technology than the enterprises that serve them

Where enterprises are spending **billions** consumers are spending tens of **trillions** and the gap is growing  
The pace of change is creating a larger and larger gap in capability

***BYOD & BYOE*** (*xperience*)



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Choice of Technology (end point device such as phone or tablet) is no longer a barrier to experience or functionality

Choice of Supplier – Amazon UK has 100 ml products and fastest growing banks and Telcos' are the Supermarkets

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How many channels do you use as work?

As Digital Customers we use more than 6/7 but organisations we struggle with 3

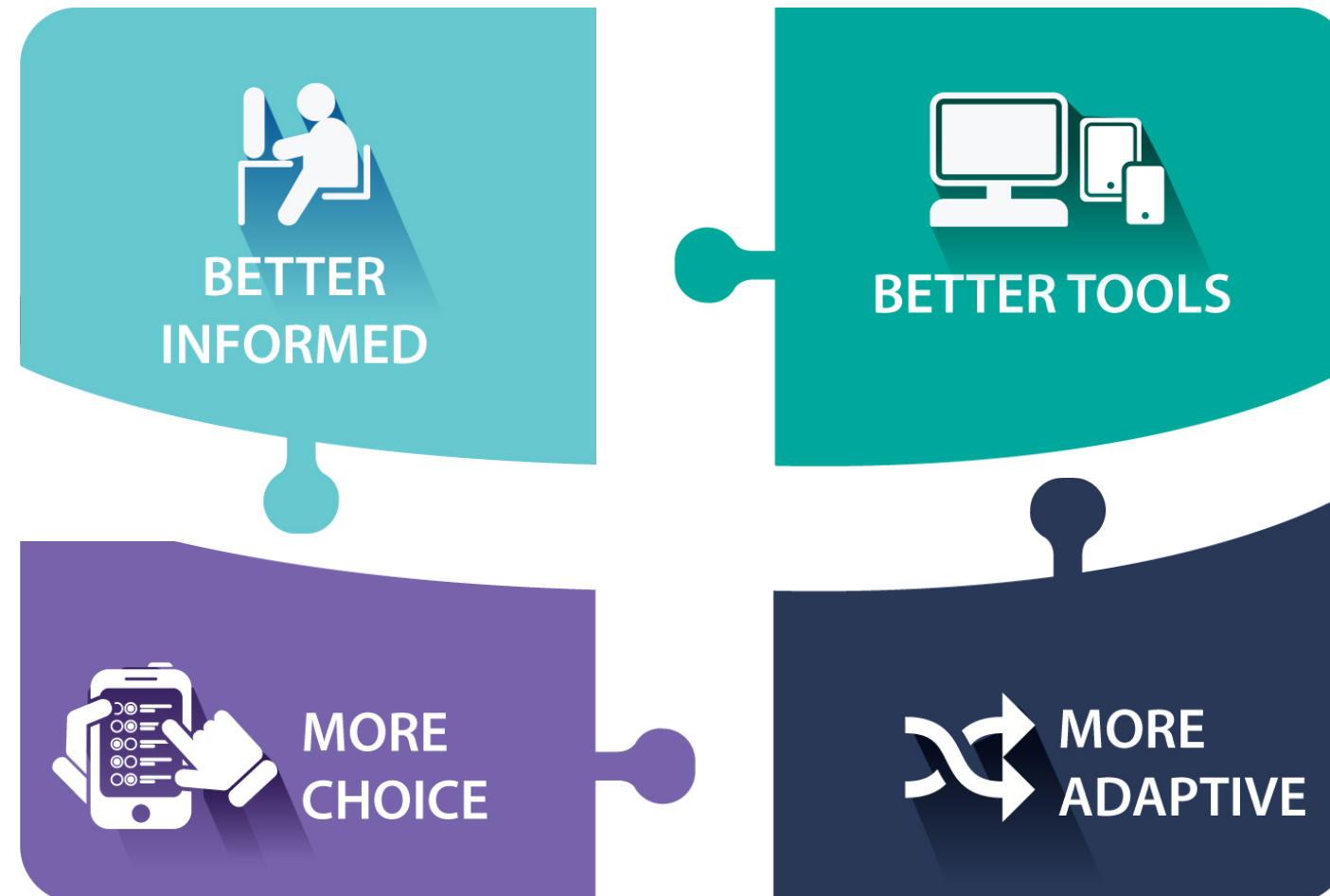
The pace of Customer adoption is **18 months** which is *less than half* of organisational adoption



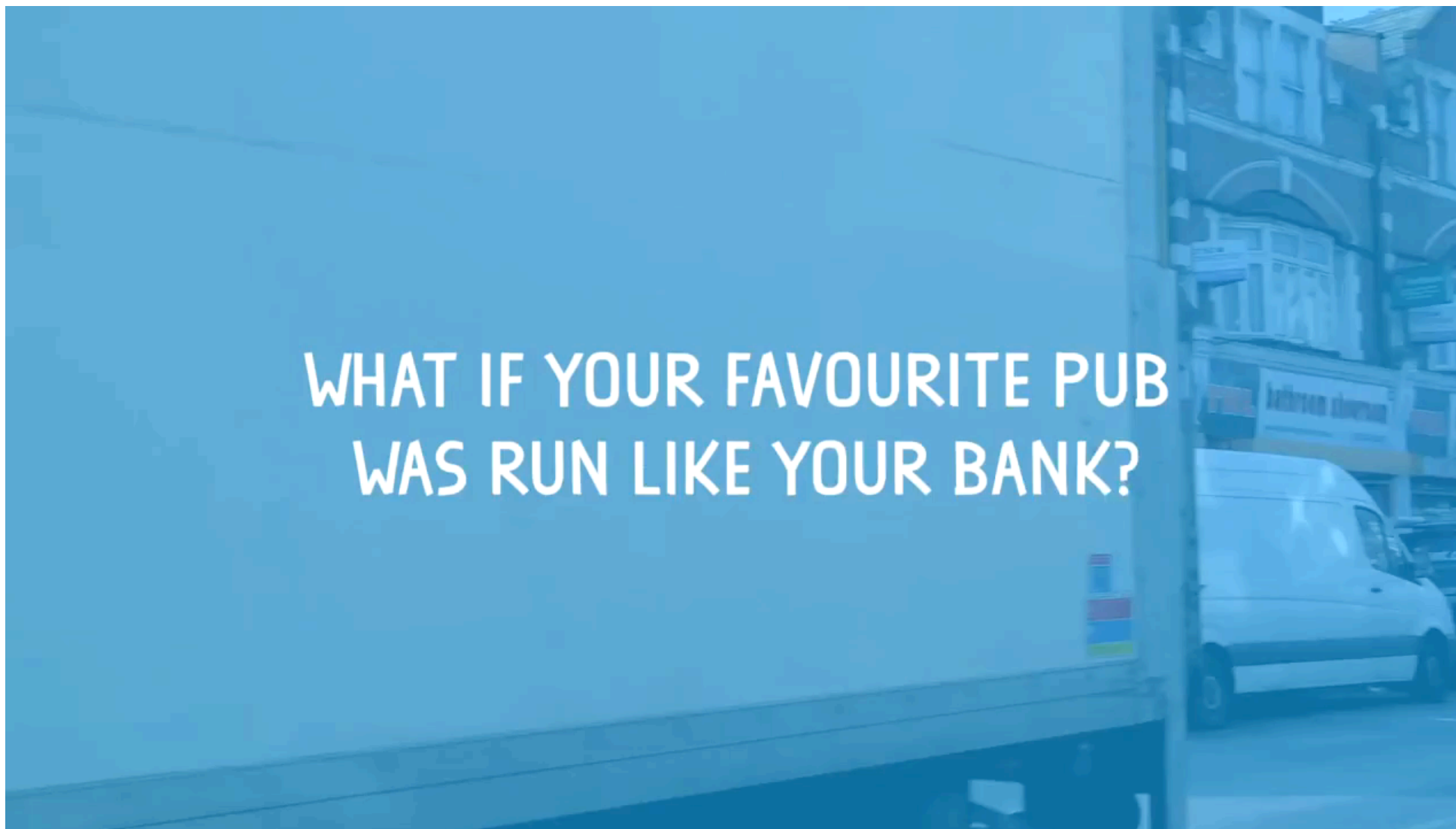
If customers are already better at doing business with you what about...



# Fraudsters







WHAT IF YOUR FAVOURITE PUB  
WAS RUN LIKE YOUR BANK?



# What happens if we don't act?

Will we start to experience airport like inconvenience for our protection?

Think about the impact on Customer Experience and the impact on your day to day relationship with your customer

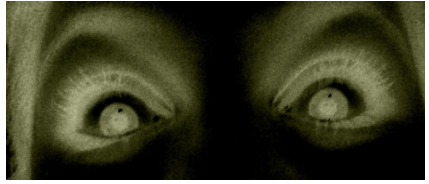




# What is the solution?

- Reliance on KBA alone is no longer an option
- A continuous programme of action across all channels to create an Omni-Channel approach
- A blended process & technology strategy across all activities – thinking about Fraud as a series of experiences rather than a single smash & grab raid

# And finally



**There is an increase in Fraud overall and a dramatic increase in phone Fraud**

**Our Customer Relationships are at risk of phone Fraud because it is a human experience**

**We are not yet treating intrusions with the same seriousness as attempted theft**

**We are getting better at detecting it because of new technologies**

**We need to create a shield of all types of technologies across all our channels or *weak* points will become *focal* points**

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