

A huge thank you to my guests Cath and Anna who came on the show to share the work of the England Illegal Moneylending Team (aka [Stop Loan Sharks](#)).

We created this episode to put the spotlight on the work the team do, and to shine a light on a couple of worrying facts:

- Around half of all people who use a loan shark are in work
- 1 in 5 people meet their loan shark in the workplace

If you suspect someone is operating as a loan shark, report it by calling this 24/7 helpline: 0300 555 2222.

Here are some links to the research, reports and organisations we covered on the show:

- The [Centre for Social Justice](#) report "[Swimming with Sharks](#)" is a comprehensive overview of what we know about loan sharks in the UK.
- Fancy getting into some legislation? We talked about the [Proceeds of Crime Act 2002](#). Feel free to leaf through the details.
- We spoke about the regulation of payday lending (High Cost Short Term Credit) and the dramatic change to the volume and availability of payday loans. Have a look at this [freedom of information request](#) to see the figures for yourself.
- You can also check out the FCA's 2022 [financial lives survey](#) for more information about the breadth of different financial products and how many people tend to use each one.

Finally, the team at [Stop Loan Sharks](#) will provide free workplace training to help your staff identify the signs of illegal moneylending in the workplace. Please reach out if you're interested.