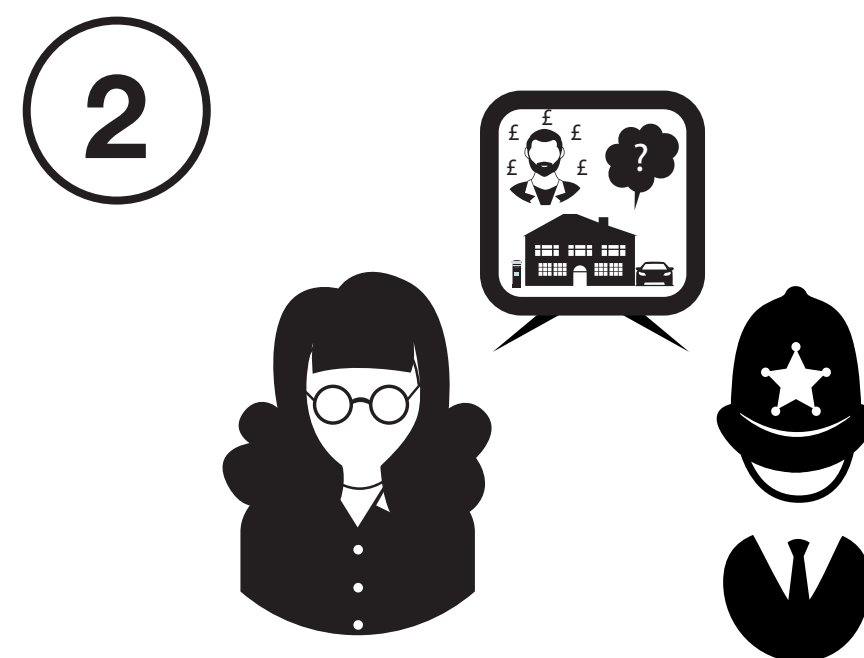


# Unexplained Wealth Orders: How will they work?



1 The Minister for Health in Country X has misappropriated millions of pounds from the health budget into his own pocket. To hide this crime he decides to buy a multi-million pound property in London.



2 The house is far beyond the reach of Mr. X's salary of £60,000 per year, raising serious questions. These allegations are brought to the attention of law enforcement agencies.



3 The UK's law enforcement agency, either the NCA or the SFO would then take this information to a high court judge to show this Mr X is likely the owner of suspicious wealth beyond his means.



4 If the judge is satisfied by this connection they would then issue an unexplained wealth order (UWO) to the individual. Once the UWO is given, the assets belonging to Mr X may be frozen to prevent him moving them out of reach.



5 Mr X is then required to explain how they lawfully acquired their assets.



6 If Mr X fails to respond, or he provides an inadequate response, this extra information can be used in a subsequent civil recovery process if law enforcement agencies feel they have sufficient evidence.



7 Assets are forfeited in a civil case in the UK without the need for a criminal prosecution in Mr X's home country.