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HSA UPDATES

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HSA ALERTS ON FAKE HSA INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) wishes to alert members of the public to fake HSA accounts on Instagram. These accounts bear the HSA name and display photos with HSA logos. HSA currently does not have an account on Instagram.

- The first fake account, with the username "hsa_sg", had asked users to tag them in photos of underage teenagers smoking and good health product recommendations. HSA had not and would not ask to be tagged in such photos and recommendations on Instagram. The other fake account was a private account with the username "hsa.gov.sg". This account had not put up any posts yet.
- Instagram has been informed and the fake accounts have been removed. HSA has also followed up with a police report.
- 4 Members of the public are advised to be alert and not click on any links or respond to accounts on Instagram claiming to be HSA.

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About the Health Sciences Authority (HSA)

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) applies medical, pharmaceutical and scientific expertise through its three professional groups, Health Products Regulation, Blood Services and Applied Sciences, to protect and advance national health and safety. HSA is a multidisciplinary authority. It serves as the national regulator for health products, ensuring they are wisely regulated to meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy. As the national blood service, it is responsible for providing a safe and adequate blood supply. It also applies specialised scientific, forensic, investigative and

analytical capabilities in serving the administration of justice. For more details, visit http://www.hsa.gov.sg/.

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Photos of fake HSA accounts on Instagram



