

Issuing photos of tax evaders is not enough to stop tax...

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This [photo](#) is in a lot of papers this morning:



The picture has been issued by H M Revenue & Customs. These people are alleged to have committed more than £750 million of tax crime. Almost all relate to smuggling offences.

That is crime worth half of annual benefits cheating.

I'm pleased HMRC are getting serious about this issue. They should be.

But rather than issue photos of people who've been convicted and gone missing, why aren't they demanding 20,000 more staff to tackle the problem on the ground now? Only that will work to stop these crimes recurring.

Would David Gauke like to explain, because right now this is just an exercise in missing the point, entirely?