



11th May 2017

Dear Colleagues

**Seminar Reception – Towards safer communities for older people
Trading Standards Scotland in Partnership with Scottish Older People's Assembly
(SOPA) Tuesday 6th June 2017, 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Fairfax Somerville Room, Scottish Parliament**

Alex Cole Hamilton MSP Scottish Liberal Democrats Edinburgh Western will host a seminar reception on behalf of Trading Standards Scotland and the Scottish Older People's Assembly to highlight the importance of safer communities for older people in Scotland.

Trading Standards Scotland (TSS) is the national enforcement team with a responsibility for tackling cross border crime. For 2017 – 2020, our three priorities are doorstep crime, scams and illicit trade. During this event TSS will focus on doorstep crime and scams. Further information on TSS is on our website www.tsscot.co.uk

SOPA comprises many of Scotland's major older people's organisations. During 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 Committee members have been talking with and listening to older people about the issues that concern them in over 50 towns all over Scotland. Many of the concerns relate to older people not feeling safe in their community. For more information on SOPA please look at our website www.scotopa.org.uk

At the seminar reception the intention is to raise the concerns held by older people in Scotland, such as doorstep crime, scams, falls and harm towards older people and to continue building meaningful relationships between older people and all MSPs.

Stalls and the provision of information on tackling harm to older people, falls prevention and the role of Action on Elder Abuse, the Care Inspectorate, police and fire and rescue services will be featured.

We are very pleased to invite you to join us at the event and would be delighted, if you would reply to Laura Jamieson on laura@cosla.gov.uk by **30 May 2017**, advising of your attendance and any accessibility or communication requirements. This information is also required for security arrangements. Please note that tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided and it may take a little while to progress through security.

Yours sincerely and with kind regards

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