

Argyll and Bute Financial Harm Event

Thursday 26 November 2015

3 Villages Hall, Arrochar, G83 7AD

9.30am - 4.00pm

**Argyll and Bute Adult Protection Committee is holding a
conference on the topic of financial harm**

This event will be a multi-agency examination of financial harm
and how we can work together to combat it.

KEY STATISTICS

- **Over £10b per annum lost to scams in the UK**
- **Average age of those scammed is 73, average loss is over £1,000**
- **There were 49 referrals for financial harm in Argyll and Bute last year: more than for any other type of harm**
- **Individuals have lost sums from a few pounds to over £50,000**

AIMS OF THE EVENT

- ❖ **Identification of local strengths and weaknesses in dealing with financial harm.**
- ❖ **Development of a robust referral process**
- ❖ **Increased professional awareness of the roles and responsibilities of the different agencies involved in addressing financial harm.**
- ❖ **Increased public awareness of scams and avenues for assistance.**
- ❖ **Development of a financial harm sub-group of the Adult Protection Committee to lead the development of strategies and procedures to enable the key organisations to work together to identify, support and protect victims of financial harm**

This event is aimed at all those who come across adults who may be vulnerable to financial harm and exploitation:

KEY STAFF THE EVENT IS AIMED AT INCLUDE:

Senior Argyll and Bute Council Officers

Banks and Building Societies

Post Offices

Solicitors

Voluntary Organisations

Care Providers

Police Scotland

NHS Highland

Elected Members

Crown Office Procurator Fiscal Service

Trading Standards

A LIGHT LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

To book a place or for any queries please contact Scott MacDonald on Scott.Macdonald2@argyll-bute.gov.uk or 01546 604167

We are expecting this event to be oversubscribed, so please request a place by Friday 30th October: confirmation of places allocated will be sent out the week starting 2nd November