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**To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee.**

Central Area Age Friendly Report – June 2017

A recent Garda Síochána presentation to the Age Friendly Alliance on their Older People's Strategy

Older People's Strategy

- Develop and maintain effective communication links between Gardaí and older people
- Deliver a timely and effective proactive response by An Garda Síochána for older people
- Increase trust and confidence by lessening the fear of crime amongst older people
- Determine and respond to the needs and expectations of older people on an ongoing basis

What's Available to Older People :-

- Lecture Series Delivered by Gardai and supported by Industry Professionals on the following topics
 - Personal Security
 - Walking
 - Driving
 - Public Transport
 - Property Crime
 - Vehicle
 - Property
 - Visitors/Bogus Callers
 - How to guard against con artists
 - Security of cash and valuables
 - Electronic Security
 - Smart phone Security and Basic Use
 - How to set up and use a pin number and keypad lock
 - How to avoid scams and block callers
 - Internet Security
 - Basic Use of Internet
 - How to send and receive e-mail securely
 - Electronic banking
 - Identity theft and password security
 - Associated Crime Prevention Literature
- Police Advice Clinics

- Restorative Practice Approach Utilised
- Focuses on the harm caused and how to repair that harm
- Pop up Garda Station
 - Garda and Sergeant available at a location for a set period of time.
 - Advertised date and time
 - Can be run to fit in with local schedule
 - Held within the senior citizen complex
 - Use of a room within a common area required
 - In place for issues a person does not wish to report in the Advice Clinic described above
 - For use of senior citizens only
 - Garda will have station stamp and several different forms
 - i.e. passport, driving licence renewal, certification of documents etc.
 - Gardai will assist with form filling
 - Assistance in filling out and stamping forms for senior citizens
 - Confidential reporting service available
- Creation of Neighbour Watch Schemes for Individual Housing Areas – (Administered by SAP Garda)
 - Creation of Neighbour Watch Scheme
 - Administered by Senior Citizens themselves
 - Facilitated by SAP Garda for Area/Complex
 - Text alert for senior citizens
 - Social Alarm for +65's
 - Supplied and fitted for free
 - Yearly monitoring charge of €66

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