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Age Check Verification

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Update on Age Restricted Goods Resources for Enforcement Offensive Weapons Test Purchasing

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Trading Standards face substantial practical and operational logistics launching test purchasing operations particularly online. This session will set out how access to 2500 test purchasers through a UKAS accredited certification scheme can take the hassle out of test purchasing, reducing demands on stretched resources and providing both initial intelligence gathering and assisting with ongoing investigations.

Delegates will be provided with:

- An update on the latest developments in age restrictions
- Knowledge on the new powers and duties in the Offensive Weapons Act
- An understanding of how independent, UKAS accredited, test purchasing can improve local intelligence gathering
- Developments in GDPR and Age Appropriate Design for information society services

Learning outcomes:

Our session will provide an update on recent developments in age restricted sales and practices including:

- Work on the Home Office and OPSS Regulatory Sandbox, age verification pilot areas, independent evaluations and the policy implications of sandboxes
- Work on the Offensive Weapons Act which will extend the scope of primary authority partnerships to cover weapons and corrosive substances age restrictions
- Work on the ISO PWI 7732 International Standard on Age Assurance Systems



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- Development of the first UKAS Accredited test purchasing service, including our advanced technology and auditing deployment app available to both retail/hospitality clients; but also to local authorities for local intelligence gathering
- Our pilot schemes with Stockport and Rochdale Trading Standards Services
- Development of the UK's first officially approved certification schemes under GDPR particularly supporting Identity and Age Assurance Systems and Age Appropriate Design

In particular, we plan to set out how we have worked with local authorities in Stockport and Rochdale to provide comprehensive intelligence analysis of age restrictions compliance. This has enabled the authorities to focus their resources on problem premises and take more effective prioritisation decisions.

The professionalisation of test purchasing services, bringing them within the formal UKAS accredited processes is a major step up from the traditional adhoc testing regimes. The guaranteed impartiality, independence and competence that UKAS accreditation denotes, will mean that local authorities – particularly Primary Authority Officers that have agreed test purchasing plans with retailers – can commission or require these services with confidence.

The session is relevant for:

- Age Restricted Sales Lead Officers & Enforcement Officers
- Primary Authority Officers (particularly those with retail clients)
- Licensing Officers
- Heads of Service (looking to focus resources wisely for age restricted sales offences)
- Intelligence Officers

Ticketing:

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