

Police warn public about funeral plans scam



Police Scotland want to alert the community to a new scam which is currently doing the rounds.

In the latest scam the victim receives a telephone call from an individual pertaining to be from a company selling funeral plans, when pressed further the individual advises they are from the local council. This is not the case and clearly the use of the 'local council' by name is an attempt to give the scam some credibility.

Dumfries and Galloway Community Officer Constable Clark Logie warned: "Although the cover story changes, as with all scams the person on the other end of the phone is intent on obtaining a financial gain from you, whether it be banking details or payment for a product or service that never materialises.

"The basic advice is do not deal with cold callers. If you require a product, service or other work carried out, contact reputable companies and get a minimum of three quotes. Never give out personal or banking details to cold callers, irrespective of how they contact you, whether they attend at your door, contact you by telephone or by email."