Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce launch Check & Trace Service

Ayrshire Chamber are pleased to be able to bring an online check-in service to any Ayrshire business. **#ProtectAyrshire**

Check & Trace gives business owners a platform to securely check customers or visitors in and out of their premises, anonymously collecting the data needed to support the Scottish Government and the NHS with the Test and Protect Programme.

Visitors simply scan a QR code with a smartphone on entry and input their contact information to be held securely for use if required by NHS Scotland. This means that after the first sign-in, they can check in easily and securely each time they visit a café, restaurant, hotel, visitor attraction, offices and many more establishments which are using the service.

The initiative is the latest measure rolled out by the Chamber's team who have been supporting over 800 members since the start of the Covid-19 crisis. **#ProtectAyrshire** provides a safe and secure way of storing this information and can be used for purpose of contact tracing should the need arise.

Free to Chamber members and at a small one off cost of £20 to non-members, **#ProtectAyrshire** can be used by any business that may need to comply with Test and Protect. Easy to use for both the business and customer, registered businesses will have access to a range of downloadable documents which include QR codes and numerical codes for display within their premises.

Within the account dashboard the businesses can only see how many times the service has been used, keeping visitor personal details private. Visitors to the premise can check in via a QR code or numerical code on their mobile phone at protectayrshire.org. For those without smartphone access, details can be added manually by the business. Information can be saved by regular visitors however the visit record, which is securely stored online, is automatically deleted once the 21 day period has passed. It removes the GDPR liability for the business as this is managed by the Chamber.

Val Russell, CEO Ayrshire Chamber says:

The #ProtectAyrshire Check & Trace service will give businesses the ability to quickly and securely collect the required data knowing that it can be accessed easily should the need arise.
The service has already been a success across Scotland after being rolled out by a number of other Chambers of Commerce including Caithness, Lochaber, Moray and Cairngorms, Dundee and Angus with more coming online soon.

David Mann, Director of the Scottish Maritime Museum, says:

"We have a range of Covid-19 measures in place at the Scottish Maritime Museum to ensure our visitors continue to have a safe and enjoyable experience.
"We are delighted to be the first Ayrshire business to join the Chamber's new Check and Trace service. It gives our visitors, and our staff, another level of security and, following, peace of mind."

Businesses wishing to sign up to the service can do so via a PC or Tablet (not mobile phone) at www.protectayrshire.org or contact enquiries@ayrshire-chamber.org for more informaton. **#ProtectAyrshire**