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Businesses urged to look to cyber security

While businesses are reaping the benefits of operating online and now earn £1 in every £5 from the internet, cyber attacks are a serious threat to UK businesses.

The latest figures reveal that 74 per cent of small businesses, and 90 per cent of major businesses, has had a cyber breach of security in the last year.

Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce is bringing together experts in the field to advise businesses of the threats that exist and what can be done to counteract them.

Scotland is a global leader in cyber security and representatives from the police, government and the trade body for the digital technologies industry will discuss how they hope their efforts can make Scotland one of the safest places to do business.

Police expert Eamonn Kane currently investigates all aspects of serious and organised crime across Scotland with particular emphasis on technology facilitated crime, although he emphasises the importance of a preventative focus for business on a local, national and European level.

Keith McDevitt works for the Scottish Government in the field of cyber resilience and he will outline the Government's development of a cyber resilience strategy for Scotland, which is formally launched next month (November).

The chief executive of ScotlandIS Polly Purvis is on hand to explain the role of the national trade body for the digital technologies industry, its strategy and activities.

Also speaking is Martin Beaton from Scottish Enterprise, who has been working with Scottish academia commercialising cyber security research and with partners in government and industry, helping to build the cyber security sector in Scotland.

The event is being held at lunchtime on Friday, October 30 at the Chamber offices in Bridge of Don, Aberdeen. More information can be found at www.agcc.co.uk/networking-events.

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Notes to editor

- Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce (AGCC) is North-east Scotland's leading private sector, member-focused, business organisation. The Chamber represents more than 1,350 businesses with almost 130,000 employees in the private sector covering all industry sectors, ranging in size from sole traders to multi-national corporations.

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