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SEMINAR FOR DOOR SUPERVISORS

A very successful local registration scheme for door supervisors is to be replaced by new legislation but North Yorkshire Police and Harrogate Borough Council's licensing section are confident that this successful partnership with licensed premises will continue.

The Private Security Industry Act is a new piece of legislation which is bringing into force a licensing system for certain sectors of the private security industry. Door supervisors are the first sector to be licensed.

Councillor Bob Nash, Chairman of Harrogate Council's Licensing Committee, said: "Up until now, there has been no national scheme to control the private security industry. But North Yorkshire Police have been operating a successful locally devised compulsory registration scheme for door supervisors, working with the council and the Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership. This scheme has been running for nearly 10 years and we have a professional team of door supervisors already providing a valuable public service.

"However, the new licensing regime is also compulsory and will replace the existing local scheme in December this year. We are confident that the new system will be welcomed and to help explain it, a seminar is being held for everyone employed in the district either directly as a door supervisor or as a manager responsible for managing such staff."

In future, the Security Industry Authority (an independent body set up under the Act) will be responsible for the issuing of door supervisor licences. It will also be taking on responsibility for raising standards of training and professionalism across the industry and reassuring the public by preventing unsuitable people from working in the private security industry.

The seminar, which has been organised by Harrogate Borough Council, the SIA, North Yorkshire Police, Harrogate Moat House Hotel and Time Night Club will take place at the Harrogate Moat House Hotel, Harrogate at 8.00 pm on Wednesday, 28 July.

Questions can be put to the SIA, the police and the council on the night. Places at the seminar need to be booked and can be made with Gareth Bentley, Area Environmental Health Officer on 01423 556836.

For more information on the new licensing scheme see the SIA website on www.the-sia.org.uk