

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

MONDAY, 11 MAY 2020 AT 10:00 HOURS
IN AN ON-LINE MEETING, [VENUE ADDRESS]

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A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

3 APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS

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4 MINUTES

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2020.

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5 LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – REVIEW YARDLEY CUT PRICE, 83 BROADSTONE ROAD, YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM, B26 2BY

Report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement.
N.B Application scheduled to be heard at 10:00am.

6 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

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LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE A 23 MARCH 2020
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LICENSING
COMMITTEE A HELD ON MONDAY
23 MARCH 2020 AT 0930 HOURS IN
ELLEN PINSENT ROOM, COUNCIL HOUSE,
BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Mike Leddy in the Chair;

Councillors Martin Straker-Welds.

ALSO PRESENT

Emma Rohomon - Licensing Section
Sanjeev Bhopal- Committee Lawyer
Katy Townshend - Committee Manager

NOTICE OF RECORDING

- 1/230320 The Chair advised the meeting and it was noted that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

- 2/230320 Members were reminded that they must declare all relevant and pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

APOLOGIES AND NOTIFICATION OF NOMINEE MEMBERS

- 3/230320 Councillor Beauchamp did not attend the meeting.

MINUTES

- 4/230320 The Minutes of meeting held on 13 February 2020 were circulated and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

That the Public Section of the Minutes of meeting held on 17 February 2020 were noted.

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That the Public Section of the Minutes of meeting held on 24 February 2020 were noted.

The Minutes of meeting held on 2 March 2020 were circulated and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

LICENSING ACT 2003 PREMISES LICENCE – SUMMARY REVIEW – JAM ROCK, 32 NEW JOHN STREET WEST, BIRMINGHAM, B19 3NB

The Licensing Sub Committee A meeting was scheduled on the basis that Councillors Mike Leddy (Chair), Martin Straker Welds and Bob Beauchamp would be in attendance from 9.30am onwards to deal with all the items set out on the Agenda for the meeting.

Councillor Beauchamp did not attend the meeting and despite the best endeavours of officers and Members to find a substitute Member to sit on Licensing Sub Committee A, they were unable to do so. Subsequently it was discovered after the meeting that Councillor Bob Beauchamp was in self-isolation due to the Covid19 pandemic. On advice from the Committee lawyer, Members were informed that the meeting would not be quorate until 3 Members were in attendance in compliance with the Constitution and Section 9 (1) Licensing Act 2003.

Members were also informed that the substantive item on the agenda had to be determined within a statutory time limit which expired this week and there was a real risk given what had been happening nationally in response to the Covid19 outbreak that if the application was not determined today it would not be determined at all.

The Licensing officer referred Members to Regulation 31 and 32 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 and provisional advice from Counsel indicating that a procedural irregularity in the proceedings would not of itself render the proceedings void. In the circumstances, the Meeting could proceed with only 2 Members in attendance but there was a risk of legal challenge. To negate this risk all parties to the Summary Review application were asked whether they would take issue with the meeting proceeding with only two members. Duncan Craig, Counsel on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder (but not in attendance) and PC Abdool Rohomon on behalf of West Midlands Police indicated that they were both content for the hearing to proceed with only two members in attendance. This was raised as a preliminary point before the substantive meeting started.

The meeting started at 1034.

The following report of the Interim Assistant Director of Regulation and Enforcement was submitted:-

(See document No. 1)

The following persons attended the meeting:-

On behalf of the Applicant:

PC Abdool Rohomon – West Midlands Police (WMP) Licensing Team

On behalf of the Premises

No one attended on behalf of the premises.

Following introductions by the Chair, the Committee Lawyer advised as a preliminary point the following: -

In the circumstances, the Meeting could proceed with only 2 Members (having regard for Regulation 31 and 32 of the Licensing Act 2003 (Hearings) Regulations 2005 and provisional advice from Counsel). To negate any risks all parties to the Summary Review application were asked whether they would take issue with the meeting proceeding with only two members. Duncan Craig, Counsel on behalf of the Premises Licence Holder (but not in attendance) and PC Abdool Rohoman on behalf of West Midlands Police indicated that they were both content for the hearing to proceed with only two members in attendance.

Following on from the preliminary point raised by the Committee Lawyer the main points of the report were outlined by Emma Rohomon, Licensing Section.

P C Rohomon made the following points on behalf of West Midlands Police and in response to Members' questions:-

1. The Superintendent signed the review application.
2. Following investigations, they established that a male had self-presented at Walsgrave Hospital with a stab wound to the leg. He had been at Jam Rock where there had been a disorder inside where the IP (Injured Person) had been attacked; punched, bottles and stabbed.
3. The premises did not call the police.
4. There were also issues with CCTV which was of extremely poor quality. Further, WMP were also concerned over the lack of management skills in terms of door staff and security.
5. The premises licence only allowed for late night refreshment and alcohol, until 2am. There was no provision for regulated entertainment, no DJ booth and therefore, WMP would have established the application as 'low risk'.
6. PC Rohomon pointed Members to the premises plan and drew their attention to the various types of doors, namely inward opening and outward opening doors. He then explained that the fire regulations indicated that outward opening doors allowed a capacity of 90 persons, and inward doors allowed for a capacity of 60 persons. Therefore, by having an inward opening door it would limit capacity to 60 persons.
7. There was no fire risk assessment for the premises.
8. The premises was an industrial unit.

9. Having received notification of a stabbing back in February WMP were then carrying out investigations and requesting CCTV footage from the premises. At which point Mr McKenzie provided such footage however, the quality was so poor it rendered the CCTV useless.

At 1051 the CCTV footage was shown to the Committee. PC Rohomon ran through the CCTV with comments to explain what could be seen (very little).

PC Rohomon continued to make the following points: -

1. That the premises had been operating beyond their licence hours; sometimes beyond 5am.
2. People were seen smoking in the premises.
3. The premises was completely packed out and WMP estimated that at least 200-300 people were in the venue on some occasions.
4. The premises was poorly controlled.
5. The WMP representative stated that clearly there should have been a fire risk assessment.
6. PC Rohomon read out the IP statement.
7. The PLH (Premises Licence Holder) stated when questioned by police that something did happen however the incident report was vague and did not fit with the account the IP gave to WMP.
8. There was a DJ booth and lights on several occasion, as seen on the CCTV footage.
9. The premises was not very big, and yet it was completely packed out with people.
10. The PLH also suggested there was only 70 people at the premises, but the CCTV showed there were more.
11. The CCTV was obscured by balloons and smoke on several occasions.
12. According to the paperwork and sign in sheets from the premises there were no door staff after 2am.
13. They asked the PLH about door staff and examined the sign in sheets.
14. The sign in sheets indicated that on occasions door staff did not start until 0130 hours in the morning.
15. The door staff were also not from a registered company, instead they were 'friends of friends'. However, the PLH did not have SIA authorisation to employ his own door staff.

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16. The premises should not have been open beyond 2am. They did not apply for a Temporary Event Notice.
17. A man was stabbed at the premises, and it was deemed a Section 18 wounding.
18. The premises had been operating way beyond licensable hours.
19. That nothing added up.
20. That Chris Jones had visited the premises regarding the fire risk assessments and referred them to the fire authority.
21. The premises had no regard for public safety and fire safety.
22. That if Members were not minded to revoke the licence then WMP would be concerned. The premises were not complying with current licence, so conditions would have no impact. WMP had no confidence in the PLH/DPS to manage the premises.
23. The person received a serious injury.
24. There were issues of overcrowding which put public safety at risk.
25. The PLH didn't seem to "have a clue".
26. People were smoking inside the premises.
27. WMP felt there was no other option than revoking the licence due to the serious crime that happened at the premises. Further, that the interim step of suspension should remain in place.
28. That the prosecution process should not remedy the revocation of the licence. The meeting was to consider the licence and not to look at the prosecution. WMP had 12 months to prosecute is necessary.

PC Rohomon was invited to make a closing submission but confirmed he had nothing further to add.

At 1203 hours, the Sub-Committee adjourned the meeting and the Chair requested that all present, with the exception of Members, the Committee Lawyer and the Committee Manager withdraw from the meeting.

At 1301 hours, all parties were recalled to the meeting and the decision of the Sub-Committee was announced as follows:-

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RESOLVED:-

That having reviewed the premises licence held under the Licensing Act 2003 by Rohan McKenzie in respect of **Jam Rock, 32 New John Street, Birmingham, B19 3NB**, following an application for an Expedited Review made on behalf of the Chief Officer of West Midlands Police, this Sub-Committee hereby determines to **revoke the premises licence** in order to promote the prevention of crime

and disorder and public safety objectives in the Act.

The Sub-Committee's reasons for revoking the licence was due to the concerns which were expressed by West Midlands Police in relation to matters pertaining to serious crime, namely a section 18 wounding, which had come to light as outlined in the Chief Officer of Police's Certificate and Application and the subsequent representations made by the West Midlands Police.

The Sub-Committee determined that the cause of the serious crime originated from a complete lack of management control on the night in question – particularly in relation to door control and security. Inconsistent evidence had been submitted to the Police about exactly which door supervisors were on duty on the night in question when the serious wounding offence had taken place.

In short, the Police had grave and serious reservations about the ability of the Premises Licence Holder to properly promote the Licensing Objectives on the night in question or at all when considering: -

1. The Premises Licence Holder appeared to be undertaking licensable activities at a time when there was no legal basis to do so i.e. there was in force no Premises Licence or Temporary Event Notice (TEN), which permitted the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment. This was evident from viewing the various CCTV footage which had been presented to the Sub-Committee which was time stamped albeit the images were not particularly clear and the vantage points were not particularly well shown of at least two separate trading days in February 2020;
2. The Premises Licence Holder or his staff had condoned "smoking" within the premises, in that two individuals were clearly seen smoking in the bar area, within very close proximity of the bar staff serving other patrons at the venue. This practice was not challenged by any of the staff on duty.
3. That having been provided with guidance around Fire Risk Assessments for the venue in January 2019, which included its actual size and use of inward and outward facing door at the premises, fire safety doors, provision of loo facilities the venue had significantly more than 60 people which should be considered a maximum number having regard to this criteria on at least two separate dates in February 2020 as shown in the CCTV;
4. The use and availability of SIA Door Supervisors to ensure public safety particularly on the 23 February 2020. CCTV could not make out who was working as Door Supervisors on the night as they could not be clearly identified through their attire. The signing in sheets presented to the Police from the Premises Licence Holder cast further doubt in the mind of the Police, about the number of Door Staff on duty on that night, as it suggested there was only one on duty and not the two which the Premises

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Licence Holder had alluded to when meeting with the Police on the 27 February 2020.

The premises licence holder, who was also the designated premises supervisor, had spoken to Police; however his comments had not inspired any confidence whatsoever in his ability to operate safely. He stated to Police that “a few people” had been in the premises having drinks - yet Police estimated the number to have been approximately 200 persons (the Police estimate of the number was borne out by what was shown on CCTV). In any event, the premises licence holder had no way of correctly assessing numbers, as clickers to check capacity had not been in use. Poor door control, as shown on the CCTV, was of great concern to the Sub-Committee, not least due to fire safety. The Police confirmed that no fire risk assessment appeared to have been done.

The premises licence holder’s own description of the activity on the night in question, namely that it had been a ‘birthday party’ which had been booked in advance, was not accepted by Police; his comment to Police that he “forgot” to submit a Temporary Event Notice was similarly not accepted. The Sub-Committee agreed with the Police on these points. These seemed to be extraordinary statements, and not at all what would be expected from any competent operator.

The Sub-Committee did not have the opportunity to hear submissions by, or on behalf of, the premises licence holder, as nobody representing the premises attended the meeting. The legal representative for the Premises Licence Holder had contacted the Licensing Authority to explain that although he was instructed in this matter he would not be attending the meeting and asked that the meeting proceed in his absence.

Members were satisfied that the Police evidence demonstrated on the balance of probabilities that the operator had shown a blatant disregard for public safety and could not properly promote the prevention of crime and disorder objectives within the Act.

The Sub-Committee gave consideration as to whether it could modify the conditions of the licence, remove the Designated Premises Supervisor or suspend the licence for a specified period of not more than 3 months, but was not satisfied given the evidence submitted, that the licensing objectives would be properly promoted following any such determination.

Interim Steps imposed on the 2 March 2020

The Sub-Committee heard representations from West Midlands Police on the effect of the Interim Step imposed by Sub-Committee on the 2 March 2020 and resolved that in light of substantive decision to revoke the Premises Licence and the reasons for that decision as set out above, it was both reasonable and proportionate to maintain the Interim Step that the licence be suspended. To reach any decision to the contrary would not be consistent with the substantive decision of the Sub Committee to revoke the premises licence and

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properly promote the licensing objectives of preventing Crime and Disorder and promoting Public Safety.

In reaching this decision, the Sub-Committee has given due consideration to the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy, the Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 by the Secretary of State, the application and certificate issued by West Midlands Police under Section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003, the additional written representations made by West Midlands Police and the submissions made at the hearing by the West Midlands Police.

All parties are reminded that under the provisions contained within Schedule 5 to the Licensing Act 2003, there is the right of appeal against the decision of the Licensing Authority to the Magistrates' Court, such an appeal to be made within twenty-one days of the date of notification of the decision. The determination of the Sub-Committee save for the retention of interim steps of suspension, does not have effect until the end of the twenty-one day period for appealing against the decision or, if the decision is appealed against, until the appeal is disposed of.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

6/230320 There was no urgent business.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

7/230320 **RESOLVED:**

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes exempt information of the category indicated, the public be now excluded from the meeting:-
(Paragraphs 1, 3 & 7)

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CHAIRMAN

PRIVATE

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MINUTES

That the private section of the Minutes of meeting held on the 17 February were noted and the minutes as a whole were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

That the private section of the Minutes of meeting held on the 24 February were noted and the minutes as a whole were confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)

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No items of other urgent business were submitted.

Meeting ended 1310 hours

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CHAIRPERSON

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC REPORT

Report to:	Licensing Sub Committee
Report of:	Interim Assistant Director of Regulation & Enforcement
Date of Meeting:	Monday 11th May 2020
Subject:	Licensing Act 2003 Premises Licence – Review
Premises:	Yardley Cut Price, 83 Broadstone Road, Yardley, Birmingham, B26 2BY
Ward affected:	Yardley East
Contact Officer:	David Kennedy, Principal Licensing Officer, licensing@birmingham.gov.uk

1. Purpose of report:

To consider an application to review a Premises Licence.

2. Recommendation:

To consider and determine the review application.

3. Brief Summary of Report:

Review application received on 18th March 2020 from the Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures in respect of Yardley Cut Price, 83 Broadstone Road, Yardley, Birmingham, B26 2BY.

A representation has been received from West Midlands Police as a responsible authority.

4. Compliance Issues:

4.1 Consistency with relevant Council Policies, Plans or Strategies:

The report complies with the City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Council's Corporate Plan to improve the standard of all licensed persons, premises and vehicles in the City.

5. Relevant background/chronology of key events:

The Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures applied on 18th March 2020 for a review of the Premises Licence under Section 51 of the Licensing Act 2003 for Yardley Cut Price, 83 Broadstone Road, Yardley, Birmingham, B26 2BY.

A representation has been received from West Midlands Police, as a responsible authority, which is attached at Appendix 1.

Review application is attached. See Appendix 2.

The Premises Licence is attached at Appendix 3.

Site location plans are attached at Appendix 4.

When carrying out its licensing functions, a licensing authority must have regard to Birmingham City Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Guidance issued by the Secretary of State under s182 of the Licensing Act 2003.

The Licensing Authority is also required to take such steps as it considers appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, which are: -

- a. The prevention of crime and disorder;
- b. Public safety;
- c. The prevention of public nuisance; and
- d. The protection of children from harm.

6. List of background documents:

Copy of the representation as detailed in Appendix 1.

Review Application Form, Appendix 2.

Copy of Premises Licence, Appendix 3.

Site location plans, Appendix 4.

7. Options available

Modify the conditions of Licence

Exclude a Licensable activity from the scope of the Licence

Remove the Designated Premises Supervisor

Suspend the Licence for a period not exceeding 3 months

Revoke the Licence

No Action

Where the authority takes a step to modify conditions or exclude a licensable activity, it may provide that the modification or exclusion is to have effect for only such period (not exceeding three months) as it may specify.

From: Abdool Rohomon
Sent: 30 March 2020 10:32
To: Licensing
Cc: Martin Williams
Subject: Yardley cut price/Broad news - Review

Dear Licensing

West Midlands Police have received and looked at the review application submitted in relation to Yardley Cut Price/Broad News – 83 Broadstone road, Yardley.

West Midlands Police wish to join in with this review application. Having read the reasons for the review application West Midlands Police are seriously concerned that the premises is taking a blasé attitude to the licensing objectives.

The complaint that has been noted in the application made by a local resident after they found alcohol and cigarettes in a bedroom has been recorded as an incident on the Police systems. There are in total 5 crimes recorded for that incident, including an allegation of an assault on a 1 yr old child by staff, and then counter allegations by staff and members of the family.

All of these crimes have had to be filed as there is no chance of independent corroboration, it is noted that on the investigation log one of the reasons for this was the fact the CCTV was not working.

The premise licence does have a CCTV condition on it, although it merely states that the premises will have CCTV. It does not say it must be recording, however under Data Protection laws if a premises has CCTV it must display the reason as to why it has it and also be fit for the purpose it was installed. The fact it was not recording or working had negated its reason for it being installed and so not fit for purpose, and also prevented the crimes from being cleared.

West Midlands Police are seriously concerned that the premises had been given advice following the complaint from the family, both in terms of a visit from trading standards officers and also written advice. This has clearly been ignored as no more than a couple of months later, the same member of staff that was given the advice then sold to an underage person in a test purchase operation.

The sale of alcohol to underage is a very serious offence under the licensing act 2003, however taking this aside the impact of alcohol and cigarette sales to persons under the age over 18 is considerable. Many studies have shown the detrimental effects it has on the health (mental and physical) of the person under 18 and how this can lead to other serious consequences of being involved in crime, being a victim of crime.

Having checked the Police recording systems for the premise. In January 2020 there is another crime reported for the premises, it is the circumstances of the crime that are significant more than the crime itself. It has been recorded as an assault, with the circumstances being – “the offender entered the shop and ask for some alcohol on his tab, but the IP refused anymore beer until his tab had been paid up”

The premises appears to be supplying alcohol to people that cannot afford it and giving them credit (reference to the tab), the premise should not be giving credit as they would not be authorised as a broker to do so, but it also shows that the premise is not being socially responsible, if a person cannot afford the alcohol they should not be given it.

West Midlands Police wish to join in the review, the supporting documents to the above will be submitted prior to the hearing.

regards

Abs Rohomon. BEM

PC 4075 Rohomon. BEM
BW Licensing
Police headquarters
Lloyd House
Colmore Circus
Birmingham

**Application for the review of a premises licence or club premises certificate under the
Licensing Act 2003**

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form.
If you are completing this form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. Use additional sheets if necessary. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.

I Martin Williams (on behalf of Donna Bensley Chief Inspector of Weights & Measures)

Apply for the review of a premises licence under section 51 of The Licensing Act 2003 for the premises described in part 1 below.

Part 1 – Premises or club premises details

Postal address of premises or, if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
YARDLEY CUT PRICE/ (BROAD NEWS) 83 Broadstone Road Yardley	
Post town BIRMINGHAM	Post code (if known) B26 2BY
Name of premises licence holder or club holding club premises certificate (if known) Mr Abdullah KHAN	
Number of premises licence or club premises certificate (if known) 3271	

Part 2 - Applicant details

I am

Please tick ✓ yes

1) an individual, body or business which is not a responsible authority (please read guidance note 1, and complete (A) or (B) below)

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2) a responsible authority (please complete (C) below)

YES

3) a member of the club to which this application relates (please complete (A) below)

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Premises licence review Yardley Cut Price/Broad News 9622760

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(A) DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT (fill in as applicable)

Please tick ✓ yes

Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms ☐ Other title
(for example, Rev)

Surname

First names

I am 18 years old or over

Please tick ✓ yes
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Current postal
address if
different from
premises
address

Post town

Post Code

Daytime contact telephone number

E-mail address
(optional)

(B) DETAILS OF OTHER APPLICANT

Name and address

Telephone number (if any)

E-mail address (optional)

(C) DETAILS OF RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY APPLICANT

Name and address; Martin Williams Birmingham Trading Standards Manor House 40 Moat Lane Birmingham B5 5BD Our Ref: 9622760
Telephone number (if any)
E-mail address (optional)

This application to review relates to the following licensing objective(s)

- 1) the prevention of crime and disorder
- 2) public safety
- 3) the prevention of public nuisance
- 4) the protection of children from harm

Please tick one or more boxes ✓

Yes

Yes

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Yes

Please state the ground(s) for review (please read guidance note 2)

On 14 November 2019 Trading Standards received the following information from the local police team covering the Garretts Green area of Birmingham in relation to an incident at Yardley Cut Price/Broad News of 83 Broadstone Road B26 2BY Birmingham.

The complaint came from a concerned mother who had found some cans of beer in her 15-year-old sons' room and questioned where he had bought them from. He told her Broadstone News and that the shopkeeper has sold underage kids' cigarettes and alcohol. The complainant said that she would go and show the manager photos of her son and his mates so that he would know that they are underage and not to serve them.

There have been other previous complaints alleging the selling cigarettes to children and selling them as singles and selling alcohol to children.

The same concerned mother complained directly to the Trading Standards Service on 14 November 2019 and gave similar information and said that she had gone into the shop afterwards to complain and it had become very heated.

Consequently, on 26 November 2019 Trading Standards Enforcement Officer Paul ELLSON went to the shop at 83 Broadstone Road. It trades as Yardley Cut Price although it has been known in the area as Broad News for many years. The sign above the shop says; "Broad News"

Officer ELLSON reported back that the shop was in a state of chaos, there was female behind the counter who said that she didn't actually work there; she gave her name as Ms Ishrat HABIB, the cigarette gantry was open for over 25 minutes and they were not using a refusals book register.

After a while a Mr Mir KHAN came who said he was the manager so Officer ELLSON wrote out a traders notice No. 13567/8 giving notice under The Licensing Act 2003 that an allegation had been made that alcohol was being sold to persons under the age of 18 and that this was an offence. He also gave notice that a test purchase operation of alcohol and/or tobacco may be undertaken as a follow up to check the shops compliance with its legal responsibilities.

He also advised about tobacco legislation including The Tobacco and Related Products Regulations 2016 and that the cigarette display gantry must not be left open displaying the tobacco products for sale.

On Thursday 20 February 2020 Trading Standards conducted an underage test purchase exercise with two female volunteers who were 14 and 15 years old.

The volunteers went into Yardley Cut Price/Broad News at approximately 11.25am and the 15 year old girl was sold a four pack of 4.0% alcohol WKD alcopop drink for £4.99. The sale was observed by Trading Standards Enforcement Officer Naseem SHAMAS.

The young volunteers were not asked their age or for any identification at all during the sale process.

After the sale was made and the young persons had left the premises Officer SHAMAS and Enforcement Officer Geary WARMINGTON went back into the shop. Officer SHAMAS identified the seller who gave her name as by Ms Ishrat HABIB (the same person present behind the counter when Officer ELLSON conducted his earlier visit and had said she didn't work there). The officers told Ms HABIB that she had just sold alcohol to a person under the age of 18 and that it was an offence under The Licensing Act 2003 and that the facts would be reported.

This was confirmed in written form in a traders notice No. 12285 which Ms HABIB signed and was given a copy to hand to the premises licence holder of the shop.

Just before the officers left a man came in who said he was the person who Ms HABIB was covering for that day but said he was only an employee and had no responsibility for the business.

Neither the Premises Licence Holder nor the Designated Premises Supervisor were present at all during this visit to the shop.

Please provide as much information as possible to support the application (please read guidance note 3)

The sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 18 is a serious offence under The Licensing Act 2003.

It also has serious consequences when it gets into the hands of young people as illustrated in the circumstances leading up to the test purchase operation. Not the least it can make them vulnerable and likely to all kinds of unwanted actions and influences.

The shop has had fair warning not to sell alcohol. Clearly the complaints made are justified.

This shop had been warned by the parent of the first child who alleged that he had bought alcohol from them.
Advice and a warning was later given by Officer ELLSON not to sell alcohol to underage people.

There is no excuse at all for making the sale to the volunteer; it appears to be a badly run premises with no control by the premises licence holder,(PLH) or designated premises supervisor, (DPS). The employees also appear to take no responsibility and are evasive at the very least. None appear to take legal or moral responsibility for any of their actions.

The original incident should have been a sufficient deterrent. Particularly as the incident ended in a heated dispute.

It also appears that there have been allegations that the shop is selling illicit tobacco products and cigarettes to underage people as well;

Previous history of this shop.

The current licence for this premises was granted on 7 August 2009.

On 16 September 2016 Trading Standards received a complaint from a member of the public that the shop was selling counterfeit or illicit cigarettes. This was given reference 8408480.

Following this information an officer from Trading Standards went to Yardley Cut Price/Broad News on 26 September 2016 and gave advice about illicit cigarettes. A trader's notice number 10041 was issued on this occasion to warn the owners of the shop and to confirm the advice given.

Recommendations.

Given the history and number of times this shop has been warned about underage sales and how to comply with Trading Standards and Licensing laws I do not think under the current management things will change for the better.

The incident with the 15year old boy and his parent which started this action off is a

direct consequence of the shops refusal to act responsibly and comply with the law.

They have breached three of the licensing objectives and have little regard for the law.

I would ask that the Committee consider all outcomes at their disposal but due to the seriousness of the matters would recommend that the best course of action is for the licence to be revoked to prevent further harm to the neighbourhood which they are supposed to serve.

Have you made an application for review relating to the premises before

No

If yes please state the date of that application

Day	Month	Year

If you have made representations before relating to the premises please state what they were and when you made them

N/A

Please tick ✓ yes

- I have sent copies of this form and enclosures to the responsible authorities and the premises licence holder or club holding the club premises certificate, as appropriate YES
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above requirements my application will be rejected YES

IT IS AN OFFENCE, UNDER SECTION 158 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003, TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION. THOSE WHO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT MAY BE LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A FINE OF ANY AMOUNT.

Part 3 – Signatures (please read guidance note 4)

Signature of applicant or applicant's solicitor or other duly authorised agent (please read guidance note 5). **If signing on behalf of the applicant please state in what capacity.**

Signature

(Martin Williams)

Date 18/03/20

Capacity Trading Standards Officer

Contact name (where not previously given) and postal address for correspondence associated with this application (please read guidance note 6)

Post town

Post Code

Telephone number (if any)

If you would prefer us to correspond with you using an e-mail address your e-mail address (optional)

Notes for Guidance

1. A responsible authority includes the local police, fire and rescue authority and other statutory bodies which exercise specific functions in the local area.
2. The ground(s) for review must be based on one of the licensing objectives.
3. Please list any additional information or details for example dates of problems which are included in the grounds for review if available.
4. The application form must be signed.
5. An applicant's agent (for example solicitor) may sign the form on their behalf provided that they have actual authority to do so.
6. This is the address which we shall use to correspond with you about this application.

LICENSING ACT 2003**PREMISES LICENCE**

Premises Licence Number:

3271 / 3

Part 1 - Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none, ordnance survey map reference or description	
Yardley Cut Price 83 Broadstone Road Yardley	
Post town: Birmingham	Post Code: B25 8NY
Telephone Number:	

Where the licence is time limited the dates
N/A

Licensable activities authorised by the licence
M2 Sale of alcohol by retail (off the premises)

The times the licence authorises the carrying out of licensable activities
Monday - Sunday 07:00 - 00:00 All

The opening hours of the premises
Monday - Sunday 07:00 - 00:00

Where the licence authorises supplies of alcohol whether these are on and/or off supplies
Off Supplies

Part 2

Name, (registered) address, telephone number and email (where relevant) of holder of premises licence Mr Abdullah Khan	
Post town:	Post Code:
Telephone Number:	
Email N/A	

Registered number of holder for example company number or charity number (where applicable) N/A

Name, address, telephone number of designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol Mr Sritharan Mailvaganam	
Post town:	Post Code:
Telephone Number: N/A	

Personal licence number and issuing authority of personal licence held by designated premises supervisor where the premises licence authorises for the supply of alcohol	
Licence Number BBC/PERN/310/06	Issuing Authority BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dated 08/01/2018

Bhapinder Nandhra
Senior Licensing Officer
For Director of Regulation and Enforcement

Annex 1 – Mandatory Conditions

No supply of alcohol may be made under the premises licence (a) at a time when there is no designated premises supervisor in respect of the premises licence, or (b) at a time when the designated premises supervisor does not hold a personal licence or his personal licence is suspended.

Every retail sale or supply of alcohol made under this licence must be made or authorised by a person who holds a personal licence.

The premises licence holder or club premises certificate holder must ensure that an age verification policy is adopted in respect of the premises in relation to the sale or supply of alcohol. The designated premises supervisor in relation to the premises licence must ensure that the supply of alcohol at the premises is carried on in accordance with the age verification policy. The policy must require individuals who appear to the responsible person to be under 18 years of age (or such older age as may be specified in the policy) to produce on request, before being served alcohol, identification bearing their photograph, date of birth and either— (a) a holographic mark, or (b) an ultraviolet feature.

(1) A relevant person shall ensure that no alcohol is sold or supplied for consumption on or off the premises for a price which is less than the permitted price. (2) In this condition:— (a) “permitted price” is the price found by applying the formula $P = D + (D \times V)$, where— (i) P is the permitted price, (ii) D is the amount of duty chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the duty were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol, and (iii) V is the rate of value added tax chargeable in relation to the alcohol as if the value added tax were charged on the date of the sale or supply of the alcohol; (b) “duty” is to be construed in accordance with the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979; (c) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a premises licence— (i) the holder of the premises licence, (ii) the designated premises supervisor (if any) in respect of such a licence, or (iii) the personal licence holder who makes or authorises a supply of alcohol under such a licence; (d) “relevant person” means, in relation to premises in respect of which there is in force a club premises certificate, any member or officer of the club present on the premises in a capacity which enables the member or officer to prevent the supply in question; and (e) “value added tax” means value added tax charged in accordance with the Value Added Tax Act 1994. (3) Where the permitted price would not be a whole number of pennies, the permitted price shall be taken to be the price rounded up to the nearest penny. (4) Where the permitted price on a day (“the first day”) would be different from the permitted price on the next day (“the second day”) as a result of a change to the rate of duty or value added tax, the permitted price which would apply on the first day applies to sales or supplies of alcohol which take place before the expiry of the period of 14 days beginning on the second day.

Annex 2 – Conditions consistent with operating schedule

2a) General conditions consistent with the operating schedule

The Licence Holder shall ensure that all staff are trained with regard to the Licensing Act 2003 and the service of alcohol. A record shall be kept of all attempted purchases by persons under the age of 18. The Licence Holder shall ensure that there is liaison with the local Police Licensing Officer on a regular basis.

2b) Conditions consistent with, and to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

The Licence Holder shall ensure that prominent signs are displayed with regard to alcohol sales.

The Licence Holder shall ensure that CCTV cameras are installed at the premises.

The Licence Holder shall ensure that a refusal book is kept at the premises.

2c) Conditions consistent with, and to promote, public safety

The Licence Holder shall ensure that all emergency lighting is checked on a weekly basis. Entrances, exits and passageways shall be kept clear.

2d) Conditions consistent with, and to promote the prevention of public nuisance

The Licence Holder shall ensure that prominent signs are displayed requesting customers to have regard for local residents, when leaving the premises.

Adequate bins shall be available for customers to dispose of litter.

2e) Conditions consistent with, and to promote the protection of children from harm

The Licence Holder shall ensure that a Challenge 21 policy is operated on the premises.

Annex 3 – Conditions attached after hearing by licensing authority

3a) General committee conditions

N/A

3b) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of crime and disorder

N/A

3c) Committee conditions to promote public safety

N/A

3d) Committee conditions to promote the prevention of public nuisance

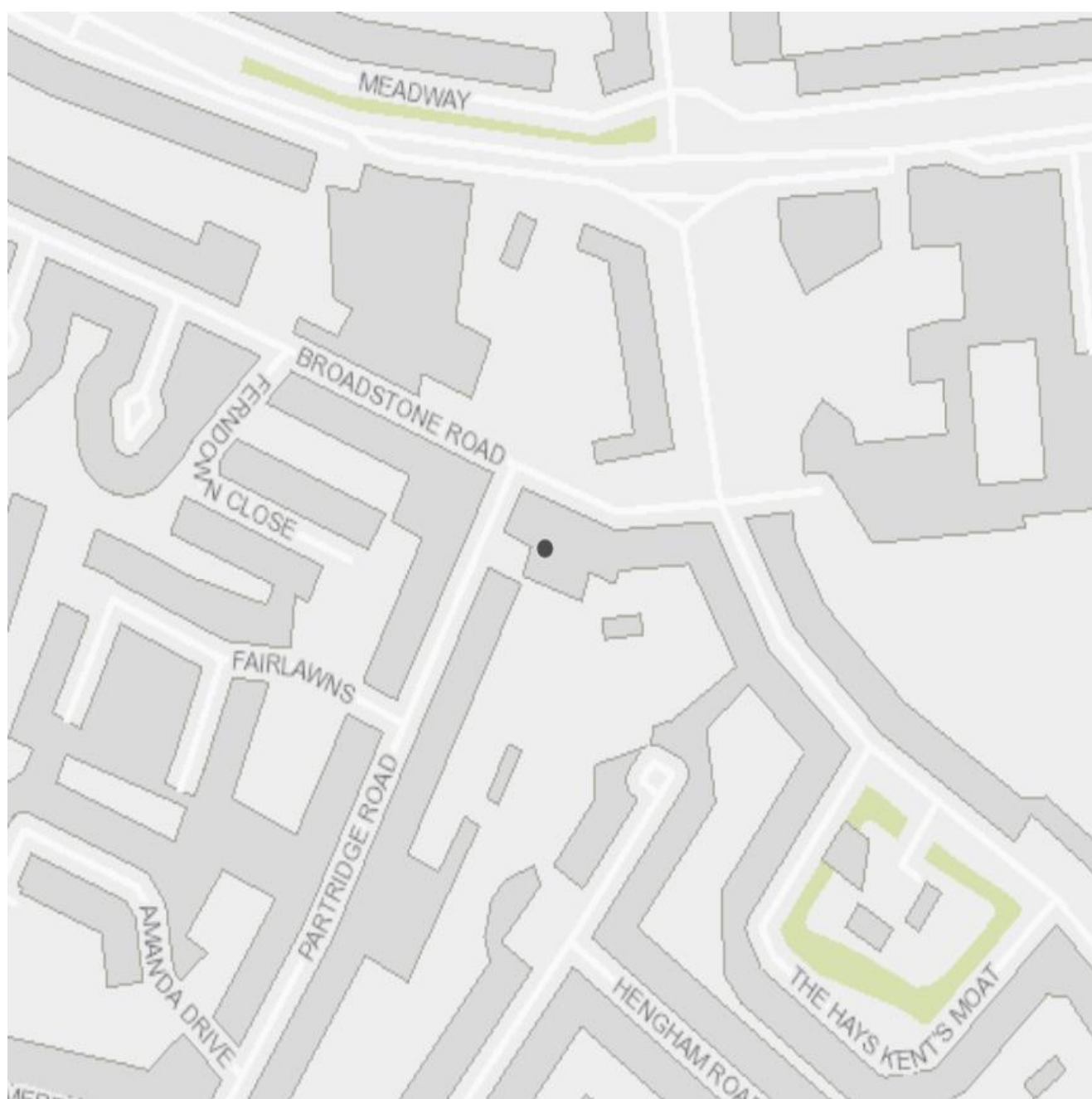
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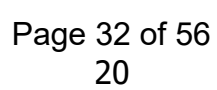
3e) Committee conditions to promote the protection of children from harm

N/A

Annex 4 – Plans

The plan of the premises with reference number **104897-3271/3** which is retained with the public register kept by Birmingham City Council and available free of charge for inspection by appointment only. Please call the Licensing Section on 0121 303 9896 to book an appointment.







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Yardley Cut Price, 83 Broadstone Road, Birmingham

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OFFENCE DETAIL

Offence Code OF61102 **Description** WOU 47 ASSAULT OCCASIONING ABH
Offence Times Between 17:00 hours Sun 19th Jan 2020
and 17:15 hours Sun 19th Jan 2020
Main File Incident Location BROAD NEWS, 83, BROADSTONE ROAD,
STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS B26 2BY
Grid Ref 414207286417
Neighbourhood BEHD BE STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH **Sector** YARDLEY

REPORTING DETAIL

Reported Time 17:15 hours Sun 19th Jan 2020
How Reported Other

Received By PC 22486 GILBERT

VICTIM DETAILS

Nominal Ref. [REDACTED] **VICT**
Name [REDACTED]
Maiden Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Home [REDACTED], WEST MIDLANDS B33 8RY
Home Tel. [REDACTED] **Work Tel.** [REDACTED]
Mobile Tel. [REDACTED]
Sex Male **D.O.B.** [REDACTED] **Age** 29 Years
Place of Birth PAKISATAN
Marital Status [REDACTED] **Ethnic Appearance** ASIAN
Occupation [REDACTED]
Injury Code SLIGHT
Description 2 FAINT NAIL MARKS ON LEFT THUMB

MODUS OPERANDI & PROPERTY

OASIS LOG 1783/19/01/2020

OFFENDER ENTERED THE SHOP ASKING FOR SOME ALCOHOL ON HIS TAB. IP HAS REFUSED TO GIVE HIM ANYMORE BEER UNTIL HE PAID HIS TAB UP. OFFENDER GRABBED THE IP BY HIS HAND TRYING TO PULL HIM OVER THE COUNTER AND CAUSING 2 SMALL NAIL MARKS TO HIS LEFT THUMB. OFFENDER HAS THE LEFT THE SHOP GOT INTO HIS VEHICLE AND DRIVE OFF IN IN UNKNOWN DIRECTION MAKING GOOD HIS ESCAPE

ALL OTHER ROLES NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED

Type INPT **Name** CIV 53796 BROWN
Nominal Ref 3223415M
Reason [REDACTED]

Date : 05-MAY-20 14:51:47 **Oracle User**: PORTAL_USER





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Offence No. [REDACTED]

Type **SUSP**

Name [REDACTED]

D.O.B. [REDACTED]

Nominal Ref [REDACTED]

Ethnic Appearance **ASIAN**

Reason

*** End of Report ***



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Offence / Incident No. [REDACTED]

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Status	VALIDATED
Offence Code	OF61102
Offence Address	WOU 47 ASSAULT OCCASIONING ABH BROAD NEWS, 83, BROADSTONE ROAD, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS B26 2BY
Committed	19/01/2020 17:00:00 19/01/2020 17:15:00
Neighbourhood	BE STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH

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GRAHAM_22633 CONTACTED [REDACTED] ON 19 JAN 2020 AT 18:45:18 BY TEXT MESSAGE TO NUMBER [REDACTED]

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY GRAHAM_22633, ON 19 JAN 2020 AT 18:45:34:
OASIS LOG NO 1783 OF 19/01/2020

OFFENCE LOCATION 1 BROAD NEWS, 83 BROADSTONE ROAD, STECHFORD

VICTIM DETAILS 1 [REDACTED]

OFFENDER DETAILS 1 [REDACTED]

CIRCUMSTANCES 1 THE VICTIM IS THE STORE MANAGER OF BROADSTONE ROAD, WITH THE OFFENDER BEING A REGULAR CUSTOMER. THE OFFENDER HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROVIDED WITH CREDIT FROM THE STORE HOWEVER THE VICTIM HAS BEEN ADVISED BY THE STORE OWNER THAT THIS CAN NO LONGER BE DONE.

TODAY THE OFFENDER HAS GONE TO THE STORE AND HAS SELECTED FOUR CANS OF BEER FROM THE FRIDGE, HE HAS PLACED THEM ON THE COUNTER AND HAS SAID TO THE VICTIM TO GIVE THEM TO HIM ON CREDIT. THE VICTIM HAS ADVISED THE OFFENDER THAT HE IS NO LONGER ABLE TO DO THAT. THE OFFENDER HAS BECOME IMMEDIATELY AGGRESSIVE AND STARTED HOSUTING AND SWEARING AT THE VICTIM IN [REDACTED] STATING THINGS SUCH AS 1 MOTHER FUCKER 1. THE VICTIM HAS ASKED THE OFFENDER TO LEAVE HOWEVER HE HAS CONTINUED TO BE AGGRESSIVE AND HAS STATED IN ENGLISH 1 [REDACTED] E. I 1 M GONNA COME DOWN ON YOU, YOU 1 RE ALWAYS HERE 1. THE VICTIM HAS AGAIN TOLD THE OFFENDER TO LEAVE, THE OFFENDER HAS THEN LEANT OVER THE COUNTER OF THE STORE AND HAS GRABBED THE VICTIM BY THE LEFT ARM AND HAND, HE HAS DUG IN WITH HIS HAND CAUSING PAIN AND DISCOMFORT AND CAUSING A SMALL INDENTATION ON THE VICTIMS LEFT HAND. THE VICTIM HAS PULLED THEIR HAND AWAY FROM THE OFFENDER AND PRESSED THE PANIC BUTTON WHICH IS INSTALLED AT THE STORE WHICH HAS

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AUTOMATICALLY CONTACTED POLICE. THE VICTIM HAS GONE AROUND THE COUNTER AND BEGAN TO USHER THE OFFENDER OUT OF THE STORE, THE OFFENDER HAS CONTINUED TO SWEAR AT THE VICTIM. EVENTUALLY THE VICTIM HAS HAD TO USE REASONABLE FORCE AND PUSH THE OFFENDER OUT OF THE STORE. THE OFFENDER HAS THEN GOT INTO THE DRIVERS SIDE DOOR OF A BLACK HONDA [REDACTED] HE HAS WOUND THE WINDOW DOWN AND HAS CONTINUED TO SHOUT AT THE VICTIM BEFORE DRIVING OFF PRIOR TO POLICE ATTENDANCE. THE VICTIM HAS NOT FELT H.A.D BY THE OFFENDERS WORDS, HE IS ONLY CONCERNED FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF STAFF AND CUSTOMERS.

THE VICTIM ONLY KNEW THE OFFENDER'S NAME AS [REDACTED] A PNC CHECK CONDUCTED BY OFFICERS ON RETURN TO STECHFORD POLICE STATION HAS IDENTIFIED THE REGISTERED KEEPER AND INSURED PARTY AS [REDACTED] AND HE IS THEREFORE BELIEVED TO BE THE OFFENDER IN THIS MATTER. IT WAS EXPLAINED TO THE VICTIM THE ON-GOING PROCESS FOR THIS INVESTIGATION AND THAT CHECKS WOULD NEED TO BE CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY THE OFFENDER WHO WOULD THEN NEED TO BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE MATTER. SUITABLE FOR VOLUNTARY INTERVIEW.

INJURIES : PAIN AND DISCOMFORT TO LEFT HAND. SMALL SKIN INDENTATION, NO LASTING INJURIES OR BREAKING OF SKIN

CCTV : AVAILABLE WITHIN THE STORE. VICTIM DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS BUT WILL OBTAIN CCTV AND DOWNLOAD READY FOR INVESTIGATING OFFICER

HOUSE TO HOUSE : N/A

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY GRAHAM 22633, ON 19 JAN 2020 AT 18:45:43
OTHER WITNESSES : [REDACTED]

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VOICE OF THE CHILD : N/A

DASH : N/A

SCENE : N/A

MG11 TAKEN FROM VICTIM : UPLOADED TO CRIMESCAN. VPS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED AND DEFERRED. VICTIM HAS HAPPY AND WILING TO ATTEND COURT AND SUPPORTS A PROSECUTION AT THIS TIME.

SAFEGUARDING MEASURES : VICTIM HAS BEEN ADVISED TO CALL POLICE IMMEDIATELY IF OFFENDER RETURNS. ADVISED VICTIM TO INFORM ALL OTHER STAFF MEMBERS OF THE OFFENDER AND TO OFFER THEM THE SAME ADVICE

OTHER AGENCIES CONTACTED : N/A

DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION : N/A

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN : PC 22486 GILBERT

CLOTHES SEIZED : N/A

PROPERTY STOLEN/DAMAGED - NONE

FLINTS : NO PREVIOUS INCIDENTS BETWEEN THESE TWO PARTIES

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY BRIDGEWATER_22084 - SUPERVISOR, ON 19 JAN 2020 AT 19:28:09:
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IP STATEMENT OBTAINED.

OFFENDER IDENTIFIED. POSSIBLY SUITABLE FOR VOLUNTARY INTERVIEW.

PLEASE FORWARD TO FCID FOR PROGRESSION.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY MARSTON_0970 - SUPERVISOR, ON 30 JAN 2020 AT 09:38:44:
PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH THE VICTIM TO ENSURE HE IS SUPPORTIVE OF A
PROSECUTION AND CHASE THE CCTV THAT COVERS THIS OFFENCE.

ARRANGE FOR VI WITH THE SUSPECT

WITNESS MG11 FOR CONSIDERATION AFTER SUSP HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED IF NEEDED.

DS MARSTON

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY BAYLIS_23073, ON 02 FEB 2020 AT 19:10:44:
I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE IP IN THIS MATTER AND HE HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE OFFENDER
HAS SINCE ATTENDED THE STORE AND APOLOGISED FOR ACTIONS AND THAT HE STATED
THAT HE WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO THE STORE AGAIN. THE IP ASKED ME ABOUT
ISSUING THE SUSPECT WITH A FORMAL BANNING NOTICE, I INFORMED HIM THAT THE STORE
WOULD HAVE TO ISSUE THIS THEMSELVES AND THAT THE POLICE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO
DO THIS FOR HIM, I TOLD HIM I COULD SEND THE SUSPECT A LETTER ADVISING HIM TO NOT
ATTEND THE STORE IN FUTURE DO TO THIS INCIDENT.

THE IP STATED HE IS NO LONGER IS WISHING TO SUPPORT A PROSECUTION DUE TO THE
OFFENDER APOLOGISING FOR HIS ACTIONS, THE IP IS HAPPY FOR THE OFFENDER TO BE
OFFERED WORDS OF ADVISE AND FOR A LETTER BEING SENT TO THE OFFENDER ADVISING
HIM NOT TO ATTEND THE STORE.

I WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH THE OFFENDER ISSUING HIM WORDS OF ADVICE AND SEND HIM
A LETTER ADVISING HIM NOT TO ATTEND THE STORE.

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GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY BAYLIS_23073, ON 02 FEB 2020 AT 21:54:12:
I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE OFFENDER IN THIS MATTER WHO HAS DENIED ASSAULTING THE IP IN ANYWAY, THE OFFENDER STATED THAT IT WAS A VERBAL ARGUMENT ONLY BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE IP DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE OFFENDER OWED OUTSTANDING MONEY ON HIS TAB FOR ALCOHOL. THE OFFENDER SAID THE IP PRESSED THE PANIC ALARM INSIDE OF THE STORE DURING THE ARGUMENT AND DEMANDED HIM TO LEAVE, THE OFFENDER SAID HE LEFT IN A PEACEFUL MANNER.

THE OFFENDER INFORMED ME THAT HE APOLOGISED TO THE IP FOR THE ARGUMENT A FEW DAYS AFTER THE INCIDENT AND TOLD THE IP THAT WILL SEND HIS SON TO THE STORE TO SETTLE UP THE £14 THAT HE OWES ON HIS TAB AND SAID THAT HE HIMSELF WILL NOT ATTEND THE STORE AGAIN IN FUTURE.

THE IP IS NOT WILLING TO SUPPORT A PROSECUTION AND IS HAPPY THAT THE OFFENDER APOLOGISED FOR HIS ACTIONS STATING THAT HE WILL SETTLE UP THE TAB IMMINETLY AND WILL NOT ATTEND THE STORE AGAIN. THERE IS NO CCTV OF THIS OFFENCE BECAUSE THE IP INFORMED ME THAT IT ONLY LASTS ON THE SYSTEM FOR THREE DAYS.

I STRONGLY ADVISED THE OFFENDER IN THIS MATTER TO NOT ATTEND THE STORE AGAIN IN CASE A FURTHER INCIDENT TAKES PLACE.

I RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND THIS MATTER TO BE FILED.

ENTERED BY MARSTON_0970, ON 03 FEB 2020 AT 07:48:40:

STATUS OF SUSPECT ~~SHIRAZ KHALIL~~ Male, CHANGED TO 'NO FURTHER ACTION'

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY MARSTON_0970 - SUPERVISOR, ON 03 FEB 2020 AT 08:28:48:

I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH THE OIC. THE VICTIM HAS BEEN SPOKEN TO AND IT APPEARS TAHT THS HAS BEEN SORTED OUT NOW. HE WOULD LIKE AN APOLOGY FROM THE SUPSETC.

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THEREFORE I CONSIDERED A PCR. SUSPECT HAS BEEN SPOKEN TO HOWEVER DENIES AN ASSAULT, STATING THAT THE VICTIM WAS JUST AS MUCH.

AS HE HAS NOT ADMITTED THE OFFENCE A PCR IS NOT APPROPRIATE. I SEE LITTLE GAIN IN CONDUCTING A VI AS HIS STANCE WILL NOT CHANGE AND I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO CONSIDER CHARGE.

DS 0970 MARSTON

ENTERED BY MARSTON_0970, ON 03 FEB 2020 AT 08:28:58:

INVESTIGATION CLOSED

OUTCOME CODE OC15 ASSIGNED TO SUSPECT [REDACTED]
AS PORTAL

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Offence No. [REDACTED]

OFFENCE DETAIL

Offence Code CJ88001 **Description** COMMON ASSAULT
Offence Times Between 09:30 hours Wed 13th Nov 2019
and 09:43 hours Wed 13th Nov 2019
Main File Incident [REDACTED]
Location BROAD NEWS, 83, BROADSTONE ROAD,
STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS B26 2BY
Grid Ref 414207286417
Neighbourhood BEHD BE STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH **Sector** YARDLEY

REPORTING DETAIL

Reported Time 09:43 hours Wed 13th Nov 2019
How Reported EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CALL 999

Received By PC 7796 LIVINGSTON

VICTIM DETAILS

Nominal Ref. [REDACTED] **VICT**
Name [REDACTED]
Maiden Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
Home STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS [REDACTED]
Home Tel. [REDACTED] **Work Tel.** [REDACTED]
Mobile Tel. [REDACTED]
Sex [REDACTED] **D.O.B.** [REDACTED] **Age** 29 Years
Place of Birth [REDACTED]
Marital Status [REDACTED] **Ethnic Appearance** ASIAN
Occupation [REDACTED]
Injury Code NONE
Description [REDACTED]

MODUS OPERANDI & PROPERTY

INCIDENT 628 OF THE 13/11/2019
BMT OFFENDERS HAVE ENTERED THE SHOP TO SPEAK WITH THE STAFF MEMBER ABOUT SELLING ALCOHOL AND CIGARETTES TO UNDER AGE CHILDREN. THE STAFF MEMBER HAS CALLED THE MANAGER (IP) AND HIS WIFE TO ATTEND. AFTER THEIR ATTENDANCE IT IS ALLEGED THAT OFFENDERS HAVE PUNCHED HIM TO HIS CHEST CAUSING NO INJURY

FURTHER INFORMATION

Crime Interests

PUBLIC PLACE VIOLENCE

ALL OTHER ROLES NOT PREVIOUSLY LISTED

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Offence No. 20BE/268276N/19

Type **INPT** Name CIV 52854 SPARROW
Nominal Ref 1258511X
Reason

Type **SUSP** Name [REDACTED] D.O.B. [REDACTED]
Nominal Ref [REDACTED] Ethnic Appearance WHITE NORTH EU
Reason

Type **SUSP** Name [REDACTED] D.O.B. [REDACTED]
Nominal Ref [REDACTED] Ethnic Appearance WHITE NORTH EU
Reason

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OFFENCE / INCIDENT DETAILS

Status	VALIDATED
Offence Code	CJ88001
Offence	COMMON ASSAULT
Address	BROAD NEWS, 83, BROADSTONE ROAD, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, WEST MIDLANDS B26 2BY
Committed	13/11/2019 09:30:0013/11/2019 09:43:00
Neighbourhood	BE STECHFORD AND YARDLEY NORTH

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CRIMES SERVICE TEAM LOG ENTERED BY SPARROW_52854, ON 13 NOV 2019 AT 12:11:16:
INCIDENT 628 OF THE 13/11/2019 - LINKED TO 4 OTHER CRIME REPORTS.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY NORTON_20192, ON 13 NOV 2019 AT 13:07:45:
INITIAL POLICE ACTION
¿ TIME AND DATE OF LOG ¿ INCIDENT 628 OF THE 13/11/2019 ¿ COUNTER ALLEGATION LOG
640 OF 13/11/19
¿ LOCATION OF INCIDENT: BROADSTONE NEWS, 83 BROADSTONE ROAD, STECHFORD

PERSONS INVOLVED ¿ BOTH VICTIMS AND WITNESSES:
ALL INDIVIDUAL CRIMES LISTED NEXT TO EACH VICTIM AND MATCHED TOGETHER

20BE/268269U/19 ¿ COMMON ASSAULT

1. NAME: [REDACTED]
2. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
3. CONTACT DETAILS: [REDACTED]

20BE/268282E/19 ¿ 47 ASSAULT

4. NAME: [REDACTED]
5. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
6. CONTACT DETAILS: [REDACTED]

20BE/268276N/19 ¿ COMMON ASSAULT

7. NAME: [REDACTED]
8. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
9. CONTACT DETAILS: [REDACTED]

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1. NAME: [REDACTED]
2. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
3. CONTACT DETAILS: [REDACTED]

4. NAME: [REDACTED]
5. ADDRESS: [REDACTED]
6. CONTACT DETAILS: [REDACTED]

20BE/268293M/19 ; COMMON ASSAULT

- 1) [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]

CIRCUMSTANCES:

1. DETAILS OF INCIDENT

THE FIRST 999 CALL WAS FROM ONE OF THE IP₂S AT BROADSTONE NEWS ([REDACTED]) STATING THAT THERE WAS A DISTURBANCE IN THE SHOP AND 3 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED ([REDACTED]).

THE SECOND 999 CALL WAS FROM [REDACTED] SHE STATING THAT SHE JUST BEEN ASSAULTED BY SHOP KEEPER, HOLDING HER BABY. THEY ARE NOW THREATENING TO DAMAGE HER CAR. [REDACTED] WILL MOVE HER CAR AS SHE IS WORRIED ABOUT IT.

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GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY NORTON_20192, ON 13 NOV 2019 AT 13:08:06:
OFFICERS FIRST ATTENDED BROADSTONE NEWS, 83 BROADSTONE ROAD, STECHFORD. ALL 3 IP¿S (██████████) WERE OUTSIDE THE SHOP AND VERY IRRATE. THEIR VERSION IS THAT ██████████ WAS ON HER OWN SERVING IN THE SHOP WHEN THE TWO OFFENDERS (██████████) CAME IN AND REQUESTED TO SPEAK TO THE MANAGER ABOUT HIM SELLING ██████████ 15 YEAR OLD SON AND OTHER UNDERAGE CHILDREN ALCOHOL. THE OFFENDERS HAVE REFUSED TO LEAVE UNTIL THEY HAVE SPOKEN TO THE MALE IN CHARGE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE. ██████████ HAS MADE A CALL AND THEN HER BROTHER AND SISTER IN LAW (██████████ AND ██████████) HAVE TURNED UP. THE 2 OFFENDERS HAVE LAUNCHED AT ██████████ AND IN THE PROCESS OF ██████████ TRYING TO GET IN BETWEEN THEM, SHE HAS BEEN PUNCHED TO THE LEFT SIDE OF HER FACE. ██████████ STATES THAT SHE WAS HEADBUTTED, PUNCHED TO THE FACE AND DRAGGED ON THE FLOOR BY THE LARGER OF THE TWO OFFENDERS WHICH IS ██████████. ALL IP¿S STATED THAT THE TWO OFFENDERS WERE RACIALLY ABUSIVE TOWARDS THEM BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

THERE IS GOOD CCTV COVERAGE IN AND OUT OF THIS SHOP AND WHEN OFFICERS ASKED ██████████ WHO SAID HE IS THE MANAGER TO VIEW THE FOOTAGE, HE SAID THAT THE DOOR WAS LOCKED TO THE CCTV ROOM AND ONLY THE OWNER COULD OPERATE IT AND HE WAS AWAY FOR APPROX ONE WEEK. ██████████ SAID THAT THERE WERE WITNESSES IN THE SHOP AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT THAT HE KNEW AND THEN WHEN ASKED ABOUT THESE WITNESSES IT CHANGED TO ONE PERSON WHO LIVES UP THE ROAD AND HE WOULD FIND OUT HER NUMBER AND PASS IT ON.

OFFICERS PHONED THE MOBILE THAT ██████████ HAD CALLED 999 ON TO ASCERTAIN WHERE SHE WAS. SHE CONFIRMED THAT SHE WAS WAITING AT HER HOME ADDRESS FOR OFFICERS. UPON ATTENDANCE SHE WAS WITH HER SISTER ██████████ AND HER SON ██████████ AGED 18 MONTHS. ██████████ STATED THAT SHE HAD FOUND SOME CANS OF BEER IN HER 15 YEAR OLD SONS ROOM AND QUESTIONED WHERE HE HAD BOUGHT IT FROM. HE TOLD HER BROADSTONE NEWS AND THIS WAS NOT THE FIRST TIME THAT THE SHOPKEEPER HAS SOLD UNDERAGE KIDS CIGARETTES AND ALCOHOL. ██████████ SAID THAT SHE WOULD GO TO THE

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SHOP WITH [REDACTED] TO QUESTION THE MANAGER AND SHOW HIM PHOTOS OF HER SON AND HIS MATES SO THAT HE WOULD KNOW THAT THEY ARE UNDERAGE AND NOT TO SERVE THEM.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT [REDACTED] WAS NOT TAKING ANY RESPONSIBILITY AND SHE DEMANDED TO SPEAK TO MANAGEMENT. [REDACTED] MADE A PHONE CALL AND [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STORMED INTO THE SHOP. [REDACTED] WAS VERY AGGRESSIVE AND LAUGHED AT [REDACTED] WHO WAS HOLDING HER SON IN HER ARMS. [REDACTED] HAS HIT THE CHILD TO HIS FACE. [REDACTED] HAS SEEN [REDACTED] HIT HER NEPHEW AND PUSHED HER AWAY. A SCUFFLE HAS THEN BROKEN OUT. THREATS TO DAMAGE [REDACTED] CAR WERE MADE CAUSING THEM TO MOVE IT AND WAIT FOR POLICE AT HOME.

2. DETAILS OF INJURIES, WHERE TREATED AND BY WHOM
ONLY PERSON WITH A VISIBLE INJURY IS [REDACTED] WHO HAD A GRAZE TO HER RIGHT KNEE AND ANKLE.

3. ACCOUNTS FROM WITNESSES.
NONE PRESENT

ENQUIRIES COMPLETED.

1. IP STATEMENTS & NO STATEMENTS TAKEN AT THIS TIME. SHOP IP'S WERE LEFT AT LOCATION IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY AND SPEAK TO OFFENDERS/OTHER IP'S WHO HAD LEFT THE SCENE. ONCE IDENTIFIED AND COUNTER ALLEGATIONS HEARD IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING GAINED BY TAKING STATEMENTS FROM [REDACTED]

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AND [REDACTED] UNTIL CCTV COULD BE VIEWED AND ALLEGED INDEPENDENT WITNESS SPOKEN TO. ALLEGED OFFENDERS ARE ALSO IP₂S WHO WOULD NEED TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE SAME WAY.

2. CCTV CHECKS COMPLETED, CCTV INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF BROADSTONE NEWS. CONTACT [REDACTED] TO VIEW WHEN HE IS BACK FROM HOLIDAY IN ONE WEEK.

CCTV OUTSIDE CASPIAN PIZZA MAY CAPTURE THE FIGHT SPILLING OUT ONTO THE STREET. CASPIAN WAS CLOSED.

OUTSTANDING ACTIONS.

CCTV INSIDE SHOP IS THE ONLY REAL EVIDENCE THAT WILL DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ACTUAL IP₂S WITH OFFENDERS WORTH PROSECUTING OR THIS IS AN AFFRAY WITH EQUAL BLAME.

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY EVANS_5659 - SUPERVISOR, ON 13 NOV 2019 AT 15:35:41:
*** PLEASE CROSS REF 20BE/268282E/19, 20BE/268269U/19, 20BE/268276N/19, 20BE/268287W/19 AND 20BE/268293M/19 ***

I HAVE REVIEWED THIS MATTER AND AM SATISFIED THAT A PROPORTIONATE PRIMARY INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED.

IP STATEMENTS REMAIN OUTSTANDING AS THERE ARE NUMEROUS COUTNER ALLEGATIONS THAT CAN BE NEGATED BY WATCHING THE CCTV.

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CCTV NOT AVAILABLE TO BE WATCHED UNTIL 1 WEEKS TIME

FOR ALLOCATION TO THE APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TEAM FOR REVIEW AND PROGRESSION

GENERAL LOG ENTERED BY PRASAD_22959, ON 09 DEC 2019 AT 08:27:24:
CALLED IP AND THEY HAVE STATED THAT THEY ARE THE MANAGER OF THE STORE. THE
CCTV IS ONLY RETAINED FOR THREE DAYS AND THEREFORE IT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

I HAVE INFORMED IP THAT I AM OIC AND WILL BE HANDLING THIS CASE.

ENTERED BY WEAVER_20588, ON 29 FEB 2020 AT 07:53:56:
STATUS OF SUSPECT [REDACTED], CHANGED TO 'NO FURTHER ACTION'

ENTERED BY WEAVER_20588, ON 29 FEB 2020 AT 07:54:02:
STATUS OF SUSPECT [REDACTED], CHANGED TO 'NO FURTHER ACTION'

ENTERED BY WEAVER_20588, ON 29 FEB 2020 AT 07:57:45:
INVESTIGATION CLOSED
OUTCOME CODE OC15 ASSIGNED TO SUSPECT [REDACTED] FEMALE
I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE OIC. THIS REPORT RELATES TO 5 CRIMES NUMBERS
WHEREBY COUNTER ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE REARDING AN ASSAULT INSIDE A
SMALL CONVENIENCE STORE. IN ESSENCE, FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE ATTENDED THE SHOP
TO RAISE CONCERNS ABOUT THE SHOP SELLING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE CHILDREN AND
THE FAMILY WORKING IN THE SHOP HAVE BECOME INVOLVED IN AN ARGUEMENT.

NUMEROUS ASSAULTS HAVE BEEN CRIMED, YET THERE ARE NO INDEPENDANT WITNESSES
AND THE CCTV WITHIN THE STORE IS NOT WORKING.

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THIS MATTER IS THEREFORE ONE WORD AGAINST ANOTHER AND WILL THEREFORE BE DIFFULT TO PROVE.

THERE WERE CONCERNS OVER A CHILD BEING ASSAULTED, YET CHILDRENS SERVICES ARE INVOLED.

TRADING STANDARDS ARE ALSO AWARE OF THE CONCERNS RE SELLING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE CHILDREN.

THIS MATTER WILL BE FILED.

THE OIC WILL UPDATE THE IP'S AS TO THIS AND THE REASONS WHY.

PRASAD_22959 CONTACTED Mr [REDACTED] BY TELEPHONE CALL TO MOBILE NUMBER ([REDACTED]). Called IP and explained that the matter had been filed as there are no independent witnesses and no CCTV available.

*** End of Report ***

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Teenage drinking

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Our research indicates that the average age a person first tries alcohol is now 13.3 (1). Alcohol can have serious effects on developing brains and bodies, as well as leaving teenagers vulnerable to unsafe situations.

Drinking alcohol is seen as something teenagers are expected to do as part of growing up but starting to drink so young is more damaging than many teenagers realise.

Understanding how to talk to teenagers about alcohol can help you get to talk to them about the risks.

Teenage drinking statistics

The Health and Social Care Information Centre's 2014 report (2) documents the drinking habits of teenagers. Of the teenagers surveyed:

- 8% had drunk alcohol in the last week
- 22% of those who had drunk alcohol in the past week had drunk 15 units or more in that week
- Girls were more likely to report having been drunk than boys (10%, compared with 7%)

However not all teenagers drink, the number of 11-15 year olds who had tried alcohol (38%) was the lowest since the surveys began.

Despite this encouraging trend what's concerning is that there were still 13,725 under-18s admitted to hospital with alcohol related problems between 2011/12 and 2013/14 (3).

Why do teenagers drink?

It's easy for adults to dismiss teen drinking as a straightforward act of youthful rebellion but the reasons teenagers start drinking can be complicated and varied.

Peer pressure can be a major factor in contributing to drinking for the first time as teenagers feel the pressure to keep up with their friends to fit in.

The feeling that every other teenager is drinking can be made worse by popular culture, as TV and films often show teenagers with alcohol. A recent study found that adolescents with the highest exposure to alcohol use in films were more likely to have tried alcohol compared with those least exposed and more likely to binge drink (4).

Teenagers may also drink to temporarily distract themselves from the pressures or worries of life. Puberty is a tough time and teenagers may wrongly think drinking is a way to cope.

Drinking affecting teenager's health

Teenagers can think they're invincible but drinking when too young can damage health and wellbeing of young people. Most noticeable are the short term effects, such as bad breath, bad skin and weight gain.

However, more damaging is the potential effect of drinking on the young brain. Teenage years are important time for brain development.

The 2009 Chief Medical Officer Report concerns that heavy drinking at under twenty years old was associated with abnormalities in brain areas dealing with motivation, reasoning and interpersonal interactions. Subsequent research has shown that alcohol is indeed causing such changes in some young people (5)

Alcohol can also lower inhibitions which can make it more likely for teenagers to make risky like getting into fights or having unprotected sex.

Find out more about the risks of underage drinking >

How to talk to your teenager about alcohol

The best way to talk to your teenager about alcohol is to sit them down and have an open, honest talk. If possible, try and talk to them before you suspect they've started drinking.

As a defense teenagers can say it's unfair that parents lecture them about drinking but drink alcohol themselves. You can agree that large amounts of alcohol are harmful to anyone, but also you can say that young people seem to be more vulnerable in some ways.

If your child expresses frustration at you drinking while telling them not to, this could be time to start cutting down your drinking (get tips on how to cut down drinking alcohol at home).

Make sure your teenager knows they can come to you with any problems. Let them know alcohol abuse may be a symptom of how they're feeling, and never a solution to a problem. There will be other ways of dealing with it.

We offer advice, tools and videos from Family Lives in our underage drinking support section.

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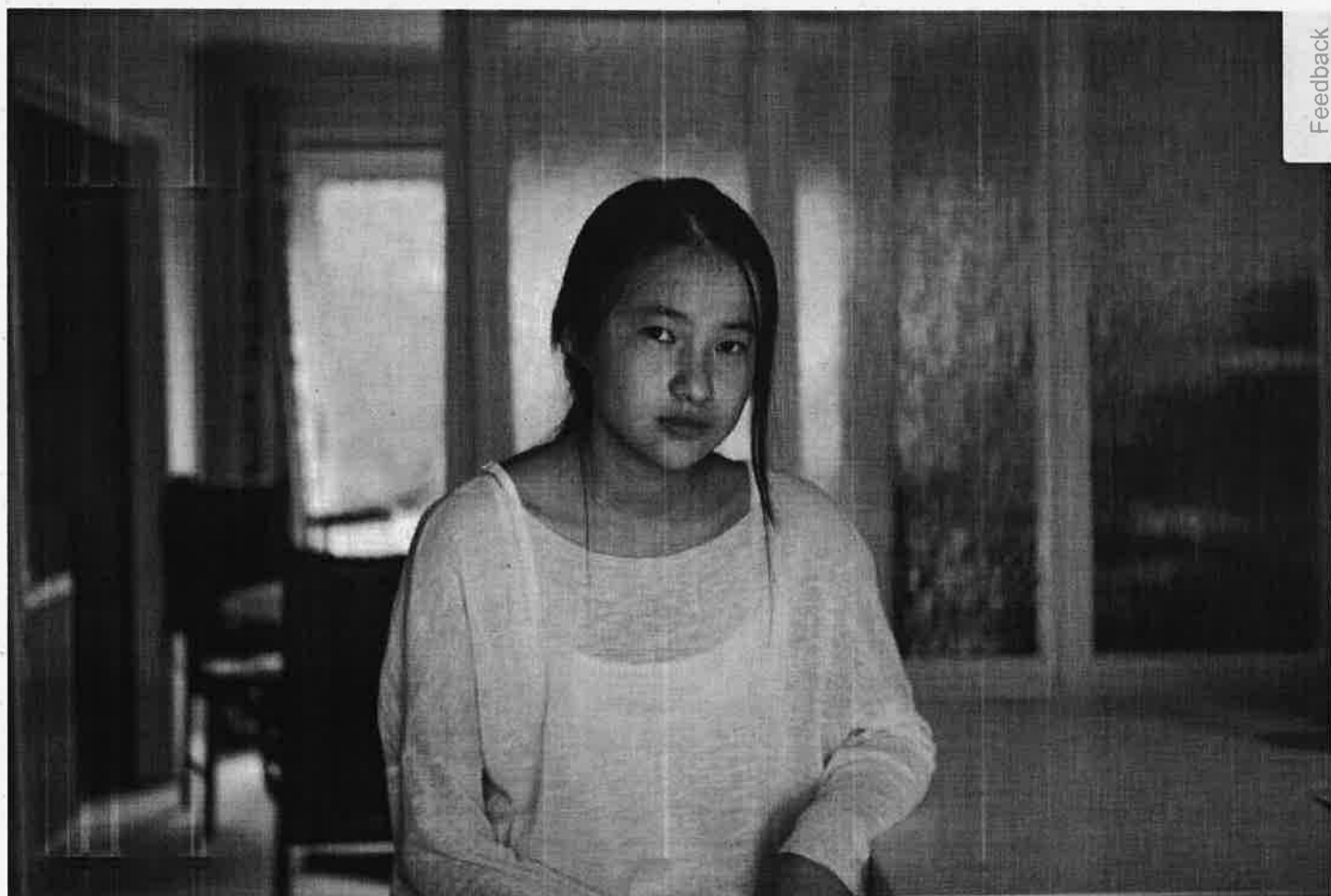
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Alcohol and substance abuse

Helping families overcome problems caused by alcohol and drugs

We believe it's important to help all family members overcome problems caused by alcohol and drugs.

Young people who use alcohol and illegal drugs are at increased risk of:



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- missing school

- poor health
- committing crime
- being sexually exploited

Where it is the parent with a drug and/or alcohol problem, children are more likely to be neglected, suffer domestic violence and misuse drink and drugs themselves.

We offer counselling and support for children, young people and their parents to help them turn their lives around.

We focus on the children. We listen to them so we can understand their problems. We offer them advice and support such as:

- teaching them basic life skills like reading and writing
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Should my child drink alcohol?

Children and young people are advised not to drink alcohol before the age of 18.

Alcohol use during the teenage years is related to a wide range of health and social problems.

However, if children do drink alcohol underage, it shouldn't be until they are at least 15.

Health advice

The Chief Medical Officer has provided guidance on the consumption of alcohol by children and young people (PDF, 1.5Mb) (Link: <http://www.cph.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Guidance-on-the-consumption-of-alcohol-by-children-and-young-people.pdf>). This can help parents make decisions about their children and their relationship with alcohol.

Health risks:

- Drinking alcohol can damage a child's health, even if they're 15 or older. It can affect the normal development of vital organs and functions, including the brain, liver, bones and hormones.
- Beginning to drink before age 14 is associated with increased health risks, including alcohol-related injuries, involvement in violence, and suicidal thoughts and attempts.
- Drinking at an early age is also associated with risky behaviour, such as violence, having more sexual partners, pregnancy, using drugs, employment problems and drink driving.

Advice for parents:

- If children do drink alcohol, they shouldn't do so until they're at least 15 years old.
- If 15 to 17 year olds drink alcohol, it should be rarely, and never more than once a week. They should always be supervised by a parent or carer.
- If 15 to 17 year olds drink alcohol, they should never exceed the recommended adult weekly limit (14 units of alcohol). 1 unit of alcohol is about half a pint of normal-strength beer or a single measure (25ml) of spirits. A small glass of wine equals 1.5 units of alcohol. Read more about alcohol units (Link: www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-support/calculating-alcohol-units/).
- If your child intends to drink alcohol, using positive practices such as incentives, setting limits, agreeing on specific boundaries and offering advice can help.

Talking to your child

Talk to your child about the dangers of alcohol before they start drinking. You can use the points below as guidance.

- Make it clear that you disapprove. Research suggests that children are less likely to drink alcohol when their parents show that they don't agree with it.
- Don't shout at your child, because it will make them defensive and could make the situation worse. Stay calm and firm.

- Make it clear that you're there for them if they need you, and answer any questions they have.
- Talk to your child about how alcohol affects judgement. Drinking too much could lead them to doing something they later regret, such as having unprotected sex, getting into fights or drink driving.
- Warn your child about the dangers of drink spiking (Link: www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/drink-spiking-and-date-rape-drugs/) and how to avoid it.
- If your child wants to drink alcohol, advise them to eat something first, not drink too much and have a soft drink between alcoholic drinks.
- Make sure your child tells you where they're going and has a plan for getting home safely. If they're planning to drink, make sure they're with friends who can look after them.

You may also find the alcohol misuse (Link: www.nhs.uk/conditions/alcohol-misuse/) topic and the section about drinking and alcohol (Link: www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-support/) useful.

Drinkaware also has information and advice about talking to your child about alcohol (Link: <https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/advice/underage-drinking/how-to-talk-about-alcohol/>).

What the law says

The police can stop, fine or arrest a person under 18 who is drinking alcohol in public. If you're under 18, it's against the law:

- for someone to sell you alcohol
- to buy or try to buy alcohol
- for an adult to buy or try to buy alcohol for you
- to drink alcohol in licensed premises, such as a pub or restaurant

However, if you're 16 or 17 and accompanied by an adult, you can drink (but not buy) beer, wine or cider with a meal.

If you're 16 or under, you may be able to go to a pub or premises that's primarily used to sell alcohol if you're accompanied by an adult. However, this isn't always the case and it can depend on the premises and the licensable activities taking place there.

It's illegal to give alcohol to children under 5.

Further information:

- Drinking and alcohol (Link: www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-support/)

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