From: KIRSTY GREEN
Sent: 27 April 2022 12:28
To: 'CRAIG WILDSMITH'

Cc: 'Ashley Stockton'; JOHN KIRKHAM

Subject: RE: Sugar club

# Good afternoon,

I have reviewed the training that has been sent through in relation to Sugar.

I can see that a lot of the paperwork is examples that have been provided to you, however my main concern is that the these policies/procedures have been copied and pasted and are not specific to Sugar. There are also duplicate policies listed.

I also feel that there needs to be more emphasis and focus on how underage will be tackled within the venue.

Upon review I have noted the following things;

#### Policy titled 'Staff Manual'

Is this supposed to be the age verification policy?

Again it is not specific in detail, it states that if a young person is unable to produce ID, security will call DPS. DPS will try and speak with young person. The policy needs to detail what actions the DPS will then take and how they will manage the young person and what actions they will take.

#### Anti-Theft policy

It needs to be detailed what staff do with any lost/found items, is there a log to complete?

#### Counter Terrorism Policy

'Project Argus' training, who has completed this and is there a certificate to state that this has been completed?

#### Disorder Strategies

There is no mention of completing incident/ejections log.

#### Drugs policy

It states that there is a search policy in place, however there is no details regarding what this actually is. Does Sugar actually employ toilet attendants in both male and female toilets?

#### **Drunkenness Policy**

The policy needs to specifically detail the action that is going to be taken by staff.

#### **Duty of Care**

There is reference that the licensee will get an at risk patron home safely. How will the licensee do this, what action are they going to undertake to ensure that the patron is home safely?

# First Aid Policy

All members of staff who are first aid trained need to be listed and it noted within the policy where the first aid box is kept.

#### Managing conflict

Within the policy it makes reference to 'during your course you will be taught'. What course? You also need to detail how Sugar specifically is going to deal with incidents, who/when do management get involved, are security notified, where are people ejected etc. There is again no mention of incident logs being completed.

Duty of care for vulnerable people

In the policy it makes reference to 'All staff in venue are trained', how are they trained and in what?

Illness/Injury

This is not completed as first aiders are not listed.

Regards,

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From: CRAIG WILDSMITH [mailto:stereo30@live.co.uk]

Sent: 26 April 2022 15:21

To: KIRSTY GREEN <Kirsty.Green@southyorks.pnn.police.uk>

Subject: Sugar club

Hi Kirsty the re arranged policies for sugar

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Craig

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WITNESS STATEMENT
(Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)
URN
Statement of Christopher PHILLIPS
Age if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: Police Sergeant 576
This statement (consisting of 4 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
Signature C.PHILLIPS (witness) Date:29/09/2022.
Statement commenced at 09:22hrs, 29/09/2022.
I am a Police Sergeant in The South Yorkshire Police currently based at Barnsley Police Station, South
Yorkshire. My current role is as a Duty Sergeant attached to Rota B, within a Response policing function.
At 00:45hrs on the morning of Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2022, I was on duty in full Police uniform engaged on
mobile public order patrol in Barnsley town centre on Wellington Street, Barnsley. Part of my duties on that
evening included foot patrol and visiting licenced premises in the town centre to ensure compliance with
licence conditions.
In order to manage night time economy, specifically licenced premises in Barnsley. A rolling police
operation takes place each weekend, known locally as Operation Street Safe. Part of the operations
function involves checking licenced premises licensing conditions contained within a briefing document,
which is briefed out to Police officers engaged on patrol in the evenings over the weekend.
The premises checked are varied and change on a weekly basis and can change due to specific sporting
or bank holiday events.

Signature: C.PHILLIPS ...... Signature Witnessed by: .....

Continuation of Statement of: Christopher PHILLIPS

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The briefing document used as part of operation Street Safe usually lists the licensing condition for each premises where a visit is required. Once the licensing check is complete, any breaches are documented within the operation document, which is monitored by Police Licensing Officers and uploaded to relevant licensing software, known as 'Inn Keeper'.

At the time and date specified above, I had cause to visit The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley,S70 1AL for one such licensing check.

Upon arrival at the premises, I saw and spoke initially to the door supervisor working at the club, who identified himself to me as

However, after just a few minutes a second male emerged from the club who identified himself to me as DPS Thomas Lee WHITE and produced BMBC badge number 095433.

I checked inside the premises and only a few customers within the premises, three in total. External seating area to the left of the front door contained approximately four others. All customers appeared of age.

I went through the list of licensing conditions with the DPS and noted two breaches. The first relating to them not displaying the violent incident protocol. The DPS stating that they had discussed this with the Licensing Officer Kirsty GREEN and that she was aware.

The second being the lack of an ID scanner. The DPS stated that the laptop required to run the software was broken and was due to be replaced the following day.

Signature: C.PHILLIPS...... Signature Witnessed by: .....

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These breaches were recorded on the Operation Street Safe document and uploaded upon my return to the station.

At 00:02hrs on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022, I was again on duty in full Police uniform engaged on mobile public order patrol in Barnsley town centre on Wellington Street, Barnsley house. Part of my duties on that evening included foot patrol and visiting licenced premises in the town centre to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

At the time and date specified above, I had cause to visit The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley, S70 1AL for one such licensing check.

Upon arrival at the premises, I saw and spoke initially to the door supervisor working at the club, who identified himself to me a Also present was the DPS

Thomas Lee WHITE who produced BMBC badge number 095433.

Again, I went through the list of licensing conditions with the DPS and noted two breaches. The first relating to them not displaying the violent incident protocol as discussed the previous evening.

The second being the lack of an ID scanner. Again, the DPS stated that the laptop required to run the software was still broken and that they intended to discuss this with the Licensing Officer Kirsty Green on Monday morning as they had a meeting scheduled with her.

These breaches were recorded on the Operation Street Safe document and uploaded upon my return to the station.

Signature: C.PHILLIPS...... Signature Witnessed by: .....

Continuation of Statement of: Christopher PHILLIPS

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At 00:20hrs on Saturday the 2nd July 2022, I was again on duty in full Police uniform engaged on mobile public order patrol in Barnsley town centre on Wellington Street, Barnsley house. Part of my duties on that evening included foot patrol and visiting licenced premises in the town centre to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

At the time and date specified above, I had cause to visit The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley,S70 1AL for one such licensing check.

Upon arrival at the premises, I saw and spoke initially to the door supervisor working at the club, who identified himself to me as stated that the DPS was unavailable to speak with me due to being busy with tasks inside the club.

I went through the list of licensing conditions with the and and noted a breach relating to the lack of an ID scanner.

These breaches were recorded on the Operation Street Safe document and uploaded upon my return to the station.

Statement concluded at 10:06hrs 29/09/2022.

Signature: C.PHILLIPS...... Signature Witnessed by: .....

# WITNESS STATEMENT (Criminal Procedure Rules, r. 16.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9) URN Statement of Catherine Simpson..... Occupation: Detective Constable 2389 ..... Age if under 18 Over 18.... (If over 18 insert "over 18") This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true. Date: 21/09/2022... ..... (witness) Signature .. (supply witness details on rear) Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded I am a Detective Constable in the South Yorkshire Police Service currently stationed at Barnsley. On Friday 29th July 2022, I was on duty when I phoned Ashley STOCKTON on a mobile number ending 5994. I have asked Ashley if I can view and download some CCTV footage from The Sugar Club, 7 Pitt Street, Barnsley, S70 1AL following an incident I was investigating that took place on Sunday 24th July 2022. I had searched the police systems to establish the owner and contact details for the premises, this showed to be Ashley STOCKTON. The conversation was brief, but I arranged to attend The Sugar Club on Wednesday 3rd August 2022. I understood I would be meeting a male called 'Tommy' to be able to view and download the CCTV footage. At 9pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2022, I was on duty when I attended to The Sugar Club. There I met a male who introduced himself as 'Tommy' and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) for the premises. I assumed this to be Thomas WHITE who I knew to be the DPS at the time of attending. When I attended the premises, the CCTV system was situated behind the bar area in a side room/cupboard. Tommy showed me a live screen that was playing the CCTV on. Tommy was only able to playback the incident I was requesting to view and download. Tommy stated that he had no knowledge of how to download the footage, and previously when officers attended they had done this themselves. Tommy stated it was a newly installed system and this was the reason he did not know how to download it. subsequently made further arrangements to re attend on Sunday 7th August 2022.

At 2000hrs on Sunday 7th August 2022, I re-attended to The Sugar Club in company with CCTV officers from the Imaging Unit. On arrival to the premises, it was closed from the outside, due to open at 2100hrs. There were no door staff present, and the entrance door was closed. I was greeted by two members of staff (names not known) and shown to the CCTV unit. The staff were not aware I had made arrangements with Tommy to re-attend. Staff advised that Tommy was no longer the

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DPS and a new person was due to take over the role, though they were unable to provide the details of who
this was.
Inside, was a DJ playing music loudly, and at least 4 other adult males and females sat near the DJ at a table, drinking what I assumed to be alcohol, though no alcohol was being served from the bar. This group then left within half an hour of my arrival, and the premises opened shortly after 2200hrs.

Signature Witnessed by:

From: KIRSTY GREEN

**Sent:** 17 November 2022 13:43

To: JOHN KIRKHAM

**Subject:** FW: Licensing information for Sugar this evening

Email from 13.08.2022

From: Anna Harper [mailto:annajb1@hotmail.com]

Sent: 13 August 2022 13:13

To: KIRSTY GREEN < Kirsty.Green@southyorks.pnn.police.uk>; Bailey, Debbie (SENIOR OFFICER (LICENSING))

<DebbieBailey@barnsley.gov.uk>Cc: Ashleystockton81@icloud.com

Subject: Licensing information for Sugar this evening

Hello Kirsty and Debbie

I'm just giving you the heads up with regards to the DPS for this evening at Sugar. Unfortunately I won't be there this evening as I have other arrangements that were booked before I got this job. Craig Wildsmith, who is the DPS for Truth, will be floating between the 2 venues and ensuring everything is running as it should. There will also be other licence holders working at Sugar. I have already briefed staff with regards to my expectations for tonight.

Last night ran perfectly. It was really busy but there was not one bit of trouble; in fact the atmosphere was great. No underage, nobody in after 4am, bar closed promptly at 5am and everyone was out by 5:30am in good spirits. We did have an image shared on Pubwatch, albeit not very clear, and we managed to identify who we thought may be the suspect (apparently got a knife out on Wellington street and made threats towards other males). After the night time economy police conducted their walk through, I approached them and showed them the image and said there is a high chance of it being the male stood outside the venue (he had just moved from the garden). I requested him to be searched and 2 male police officers carried this out. They were satisfied that he did not have a weapon contained on him and allowed him to carry on his evening. We allowed him back in based on this informed but I did inform him I would be watching him carefully, and to be honest he was on his best behaviour all night. I am very keen to be working with the officers and cooperating together on these matters.

Please do let me know if any concerns arise from tonight's checks and I will address these tomorrow evening when I am back in work.

We are receiving lots of positive feedback from customers about how well they think the place is currently being run and they say they feel safe and are impressed with the improvements that have been put in place. I am looking forwards to reporting back to you both in due course.

Many thanks Anna

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# WITNESS STATEMENT

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)

Statement of: Dom Moffitt  URN  URN		URN	
Age (if under 18): N/A	Occupation: Police	e Officer	

My name is PC MOFFITT (0952), a response officer attached to Churchfields Station.

On Saturday, August 20, 2022, I was policing the Barnsley town centre on foot patrol attached to the P1 van. At 0010 hours I attended the Sugar nightclub on Pitt Lane in order to undertake a licencing check in accordance with the Street Safe protocol.

Upon arrival at the scene, I met two door staff, a male and a female. I informed them that I was carrying out a licensing check and that I wanted to speak to a manager or licensee. I then took the names and details of both security staff. The female told me she was with the security company Phoenix, she showed me her security badge number which I recorded

The male gave his name as with the security company Phoenix, he showed me his security badge number which I recorded

The licensee then came out of the club and spoke to me, she gave her name as Anna HARPER (licensee number BMBC 094163). I then went through the licensee checks with her and the door staff and found that the venue was not adhering to two of its conditions. Firstly, neither security staff were wearing body worn video. When I challenged this, produced a small camera from his pocket and told me that the battery on the body worn was dead and that it hadn't been charged. had no body worn video equipment on her person. The licensee confirmed that neither door staff had fully charged body

worn video available to them. I then asked to see the venue's refusal log, HARPER showed me the log and I noticed that the last entry was September 8, 2022, ten days before. I asked her to confirm this which she did. During the incident I witnessed the door staff refuse entry to a group of young females. They appeared to be fairly young and could have been teenagers. I witnessed the door staff making no efforts to log, or record, this refusal, in any way, while I was at the scene.

I left Sugar at around 0015 hours and made a note of my findings on a licensee check record sheet and then on the Street Safe PowerPoint presentation for August 20, 2022.

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness:

Date: 19-09-2022

WITNESS STATEMENT (Criminal Procedure Rules, r 16. 2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s. 9)					
Statement of: Benjamin Child		URN			
Age (if under 18): N/A	Occupation: Police	e Office	er		
I am a Police Officer with South Yorkshire Police currently stationed at Barnsley police station.					
On the 20th August 2022 I was on full duty under the					
At 00:10 I was tasked by my supervision to conduct licensing checks at SUGAR CLUB, PITTS STREET, BARNSLEY along with PC 952 MOFFIT.					
On arrival at the premises, I spoke to two door staff that were on duty. I now know these door staff to be not not confirmed they worked for PHOENIX as door security. Both were able to provide identification badges.					
While I spoke to the door staff my colleague PC 952 MOFFIT spoke to the designated premises supervisor Anna HARPER.					
PC 952 MOFFIT went through the licensing conditions with HARPER and requested to see if the door staff on duty had body worn video cameras on them. It was at this point that video camera from his pocket and stated he wasn't wearing it and that it had no pattery charge. simply shook her head and stated she didn't have one.					
PC 952 MOFFIT then asked HARPER to provide evidence of a refusal log which she got from behind a counter in the club. Looking at this log it was not filled out with anyone getting refused entry from club since the 08/08/2022.					
HARPER was informed that the licensing conditions be made to licensing.	at the club were bro	eached a	and th	at a r	eport would

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature of Witness:

Date: 08/09/2022

From:

KIRSTY GREEN

Sent:

18 November 2022 08:17

To:

**IOHN KIRKHAM** 

**Subject:** 

FW: Street safe visit 20.08.2022

Email from 24.08.2022

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From: Anna Harper [mailto:annajb1@hotmail.com]

Sent: 24 August 2022 11:57

To: KIRSTY GREEN < Kirsty. Green@southyorks.pnn.police.uk >

Cc:

Subject: Re: Street safe visit 20.08.2022

# Hi Kirsty

The security staff were briefed at the beginning of their shift and were supplied with the fully charged body cam. When the Street Safe team visited the premises they questioned the whereabouts of the body cam. The security staff had put the body cam in his pocket. I asked him why it was there (he said it wasn't charged - this is not true), I immediately told him to put it on and he did.

As a result of this breach, the security staff in question has been verbally reprimanded by myself and we are no longer going to be using him going forward.

Ashley and I are really disappointed in this as we have worked so hard over the last few weeks to ensure we are adhering to all of the conditions all of the time. We want to make the venue work and keep all of our customers safe so that they enjoy their night and welcome feedback like this so that we can continue to make further improvements.

I will personally take it upon myself to check that the body cam is being worn on the hour, every hour going forwards and not just at the beginning of my shift. Ashley has always ensured that it is fully charged when he is in during the day.

Many thanks

Anna

From: KIRSTY GREEN < Kirsty. Green@southyorks.pnn.police.uk >

Sent: 24 August 2022 10:10

To: Anna Harper < annajb1@hotmail.com>

Cc: Ashley Stockton <ashleystockton81@icloud.com>;

Subject: Street sale visit 20.08.2022

# Good morning,

Just to bring to your attention a breach of the licence that was highlighted on a visit that was carried out by officers on the 20.08.2022 at 00:10.

It was noted that security staff were not wearing body worn cameras as is required as part of the conditions. When officers spoke with security staff one guard was carrying a camera in his pocket, however this was not charged.

If you could please ensure that all conditions are being adhered to whilst the venue is open, any none compliance would be considered a breach of your premise licence and may result in further action being taken.

# Regards,

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Statement of T/PS 2948 GARETH LEE
Age if under 18 Over 18 (If over 18 insert "over 18") Occupation: POLICE OFFICER
This statement (consisting of $\angle$ page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
Signature
Tick if witness evidence is visually recorded (supply witness details on rear)
I am a Temporary Police Sergeant in the South Yorkshire Police, currently based at Churchfields Police
Station, Barnsley.
On Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022, I was on duty in full police uniform, working a 1700x0300 shift. As part of
this duty, I was on mobile patrol as part of a public order van. The main duties for the van were to police the
night-time economy and conduct licensing checks with pubs and clubs in the town centre.
One of the locations to visit to carry out checks was Sugar Club, Pitt Street, Barnsley, which is subject to a
number of licence conditions.
Some of the licence conditions are –
- Recognised ID scanner linked up to a central working data base. An ID scanner will be used at all times
when security staff are employed. Images to be kept for 31 days and shall be downloaded and
made available to South Yorkshire Police and authorised officers of the council upon request.
<ul> <li>To be part of the town centre radio scheme and acquire a suitable number of radios sets for the</li> </ul>
premise
- Security staff to be employed from 19:00, with an additional guard from 22:00 on both Friday and
Saturday nights, in addition to an overriding risk assessment. Should the venue open prior to
19:00 a full assessment will be completed for the use of security staff.

Signature: Signature Witnessed by:

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At 2340 hours on the above date, I attended Sugar Club and noted there were two members of door staff
on duty. They wereandThey both displayed SIA licence badges.
Upon speaking with the security staff, they could not provide details as to the number of patrons inside and
when I queried the use of the ID scanner and the Town Centre CCTV radio system, they could not furnish
me with much information other than neither of them were working.
I then spoke to the Designated Premises Supervisor who confirmed that both the scanner and radio were
not working and hadn't been for the whole evening. The DPS handed me the radio and this was switched
off and had a flat battery. The DPS assured me that both systems would be fully operational upon a return
visit later that evening.
I then liaised with the Town Centre CCTV operator who confirmed that Sugar Club was not a club that was
listed as having radio communications with them.
I documented this information on the Op Street Safe document at the time of attendance.

Signature: Signature Witnessed by:

From: KIRSTY GREEN

**Sent:** 17 November 2022 13:44

To: JOHN KIRKHAM Subject: FW: Police check



From: Anna Harper [mailto:annajb1@hotmail.com]

Sent: 05 September 2022 07:25

To: KIRSTY GREEN < Kirsty. Green@southyorks.pnn.police.uk>

Cc: Ashley Stockton <ashleystockton81@icloud.com>

Subject: Police check

# Hi Kirsty

On Friday night we had a police check at Sugar Club and there were a couple of issues that might be fed back to you so I wanted to explain what these were. First of all there was a software error with the ID scanning machine. Despite restarting the laptop, the software would not open. I contacting Craig Wildsmith from Truth 32 and he came round immediately in person and sorted it out by opening the software a different way. He was there whilst the police were there. I had only just started my shift so dealt with that issue as soon as I arrived.

The second issue was the police radio. This was not charged up. Ashley gave the radio to one of our security staff when we opened up and asked him to charge it (I do not know why it wasn't charged as I left it charging up in my last shift). Unfortunately the security staff did not know where or how to charge it and rather than ask someone, simply left it until I got in. After the police check, where it was brought to my attention, I made sure it was on charge and switched on. The police said that they would conduct another check an hour later to make sure these issues had been dealt with. On the second visit the police were happy that everything had been sorted.

On Saturday night, one of my bar staff informed me that she had seen a Facebook conversation between the 'Travellers' and the 'Geordies' organising a fight at 1 am in Sugar Club. I immediately asked one of our door security to use the police radio to inform them of this potential planned fight and assistance arrived promptly. At this point we had a large number of travellers already in the club - around 10. I told the door staff not to let any more in under any circumstances and not to let any of the 'Geordie Boys' in. I switched the punching machine off and ensured absolutely no glass was in the garden or inside, even removing the bin from the outside area. I alerted the bar staff and instructed them to decant all bottled drinks into plastic cups. I also requested an additional security person so that we had 3. They were also informed of the planned fight. The police were informed and they assured us that they would continue to circle the area and keep checking. Also to request CCTV pointing at us. We agreed that if anything were to happen, I should call 999 straight away from my mobile phone. I am confident that our vigilant approach to this matter resulted in absolutely no trouble at all during the night. I believe there may have been fighting or trouble elsewhere but I am happy that none of it occurred on our premises. I wanted to assure you that we are working with the police to keep our club safe and that we are adhering to the licensing conditions. I am going to sleep shortly after working a long weekend but if you did want to call me about any of these matters. I will be available from late afternoon.

Many thanks Anna